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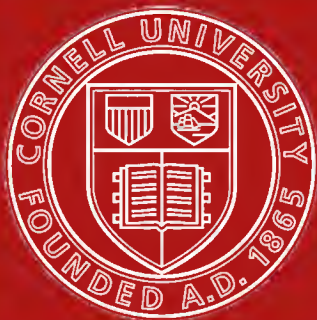
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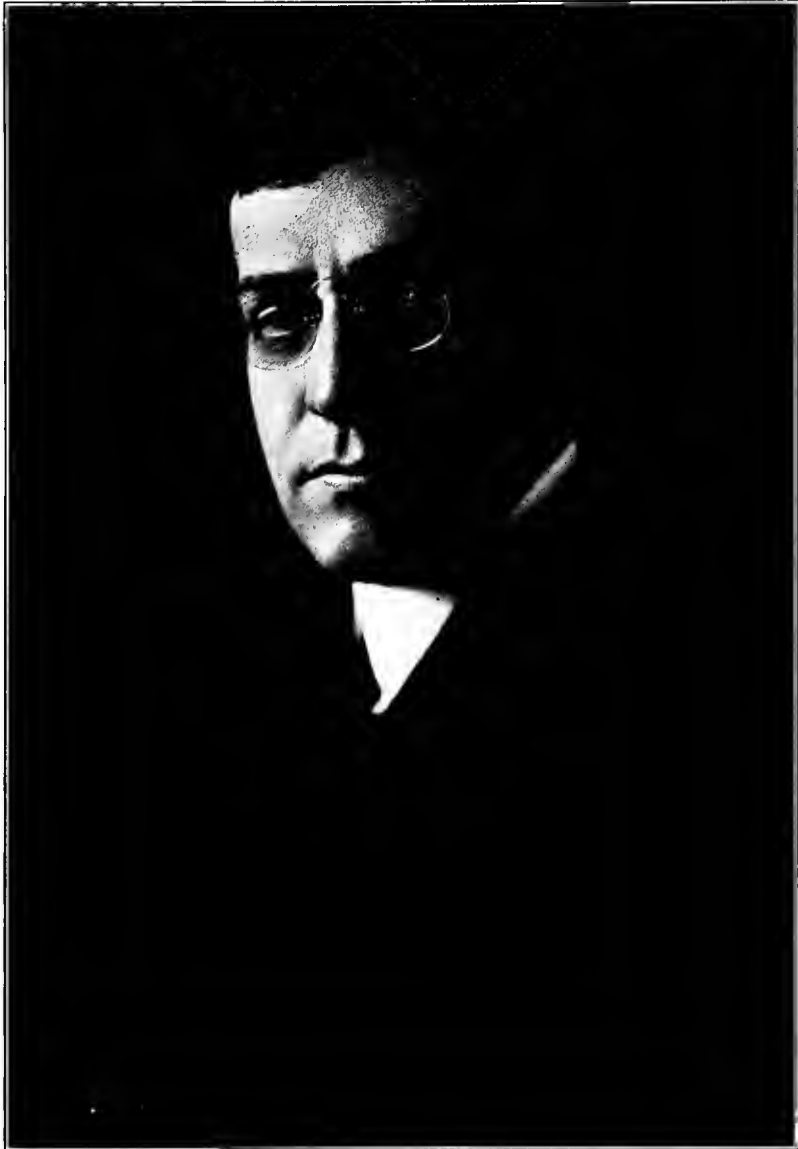
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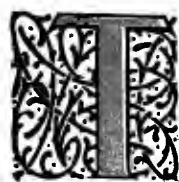
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Foreword



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SECRETARY OF WAR.

FOREWORD



THE Voluntary Aid of America has been prepared for the purpose of perpetuating the names of organizations and individuals who have rendered conspicuous service to the nation and to humanity in connection with the needs arising from the World War. It has been undertaken with the records before us of great preceding wars, which records deal very properly and necessarily with the achievements of the fighting forces, of naval and military heroes, and with the leaders of nations and armies.

The omission in such records of the past of reference to voluntary aid is significant of the fact that the part it played was looked upon as negligible. The omission, then, becomes an admission in that it provides one of the best evidences that any time offers of an advance in human standards, an advance which will be the more clearly perceived when years shall have set the events of today in a clearer perspective. To be sure the visitor from another planet, viewing the late carnage among nations, might, and mundane critics may view this statement as over optimistic; nevertheless, brutal as the strife has been, certain of the attendant features have been incalculably better than those of any previous wars, and, while the new horrors it has served to make the world acquainted with have revolted us, the new forces which have come into play to mitigate them have been still mightier to thrill and to stimulate.

That the spirit of willing service is the most precious and most potent asset a nation may have has long been an axiom. Poets have sung its value, Governments have decorated and posterity has

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cherished the memories of great individuals who have served humanity's needs voluntarily; but nowhere in history is a force to be traced such as that which has spoken in the great nation-wide voluntary aid of America, which has hastened, uncompelled by any law save that of pity, of loyalty, to the support of the Government during the present crisis.

The tocsin that summoned the nations of the earth to arms startled a world immersed in the pre-occupations of peace. The Hague conventions had lulled them into this state, which is not surprising when the pages are turned that record the agreements arrived at between civilized nations, even in most recent years, for the preservation of peace, to lessen the liability to war, and to mitigate the horrors arising from it. In consequence of these agreements, the world at large, and the non-military United States in particular, was unprepared for the great draft which was to be made so suddenly upon its sympathies by the wounded, by those who shortly were to face destitution, and by the unparalleled conditions arising from a new kind of warfare.

From the time of the Early Tartar wars, Governments engaged in battle have cared for the victims of war by conscripting the wealth of their citizens, thus making it compulsory upon the non-combatant to minister to the needs and sufferings of him who fought. This practice, however, with the growth of democracy, has ceased; and, whilst men who enjoy the benefits of the country may be conscripted to fight for its defence, if not sufficiently patriotic to seize the opportunity to do so as a privilege, property rights and those of wealth remain unmolestable. The American non-combatant may do what his heart dictates as to his own possessions. But the law-makers who have left him so free have builded better than they knew; for, that the American heart needs no compelling laws to cause it to open wide when distress calls, that it is, indeed, one of throbbing patriotism, true, to its innermost fibre to the higher claims of humanity, alert to serve, swift to assuage, unstinted in its capacity to give, is the great lesson which the world has learned throughout this long, strenuous war.

With the evidences she has given it that her men are as brave and her women as kind as any, the United States of America

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must occupy an honored place in the company of nations.

Nor is there likely to arise a doubt as to where Americans will stand when human rights are infringed or national liberties menaced.

It will be remembered, for all time, that when war's challenge reached her, her people hastened as one to lay aside their vanities to put off their frivolities, each one hurrying to don his or her uniform of service, to take up his or her duty, and to place his or her sacrifice upon the altar of the world's need. To paraphrase another, there may be in the future as there have been in the past, differences of opinion as to the efficacy of the machinery through which volunteer aid to the Government has operated; but there can be no difference of opinion in time to come concerning the whole-souled support of the people as expressed in their volunteer aid to the United States Government, and to the afflicted peoples abroad during this strife.

As a unit the nation has placed itself on food rations; on heat rations, on pleasure rations, and this under no compulsion save the moral one that lay in the suggestion of the Government that in so doing it would be serving the common good of our own and allied nations. In the spirit of eager sacrifice, many of the wealthy among those who formerly rode, now walk, having converted their pleasure vehicles into ambulances for foreign service; those who idled have gone to work for the nation. If, here or there, one has shown a disposition to lag, he has been promptly shamed and prodded. Delicately nurtured women, unaccustomed to discipline or to labor, have voluntarily submitted to the first and pledged themselves to long hours of daily work at stripping or rolling bandages or, standing for longer periods in hospitals or canteens, or in warerooms, wrapping, packing food, clothing and medicines for shipment to the destitute over the seas.

Scarcely an invalid in hamlet or hospital who has not added her contribution to the great mass of volunteer labor done, in knitting, or in cutting and sewing garments for the stricken in Europe. In every department shop, in every factory, in every large and small corporation, employees have formed into clubs for drilling in preparation for the time when they might be called to the colors, or to

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serve as home defenders. Their fellow-workers, the women, have formed similarly to study first aid, or nursing, after their day's work was done; or, this one to sew, that one to knit or make comforts for the sick, all, gladly occupying themselves in some form of work for the strengthening of the common cause. In might, then, of numbers, in a very majesty of idealism, and in a tender mercy—above all, in a new spirit of union and of democracy, the American people has united to hold up the hands of its Government and to brace the courage of the world. That they have been nobly led the world acknowledges.

President Wilson has been privileged to serve his country at a time and favored by a conjunction of remarkable circumstances when, to serve it well, means the fixing of his name forever among the great names of the world. By this favor of destiny and by the qualities which have steadied his leadership, he will stand not only as a great international figure in the coming Congress of Nations which is to work toward the securing of a permanent peace for the world, but as the greatest amalgamating force in the history of this Republic.

In setting Texas shoulder to shoulder with Maine, Washington with Florida, in combining the sons of the many United States and sending them forth as one great military family representing a common cause, a single nation, the President has effectually blotted out sectional prejudices, sectional vanities, sectional-rivalries and has welded what were heretofore loosely bound elements into a solid Union. The great inspirer of voluntary service, under President Wilson's leadership, individual States, individual creeds, individual races and groups have laid aside their projects and purposes the better to throw their strength at this time into the common conflict for the preservation of mankind.

In their capacity for what Matthew Arnold, a half century ago, called "splay-reasoning," the Teutons chuckled as they murdered and pillaged, maimed and destroyed, at the barriers they had added to the sea of cowardly mines and of still more cowardly submarines. Behind them they felt secure against any movement this country might make. They laughed, especially, because they could not conceive of a truly united people here. Still less could they



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SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.

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conceive that in America the soul of a great ship-builder could be so moved, so invaded, so seized by the spirit of patriotic duty, by human pity, that he would voluntarily surrender his private interests in order to lay his experience, his energies, his enthusiasms, and, what was still mightier, his marvellous powers of organization and of inspiring others—powers that were unmatched by those of any available official in the United States service, at the disposal of the Government. Such a citizen, nevertheless, came forth, solved the great problem of transporting our troops, our nurses, our provisions, our mercy ships across the ocean, and thence, triumphantly into the War Zone, there to turn the tide of battle, at last, against the oppressors of civilization.

In view of the nation's debt to him, in view of the debt of the Allies, all, and with no desire to minimize the enormous services rendered to humanity by the great company of American industrial and financial leaders, none of whom has been found wanting in these times of test, in the ultimate reckoning Mr. Charles M. Schwab, who has overcome the barrier of the sea, must be named as the first of the nation's great army of great volunteers.

The chronicles, biographies, and literary remains of the American Volunteers of this era, for it is an era, a turning point in human progress and history, will offer to future generations individual records as great as any that remain of the Crusaders of the Middle Ages. They will tell how the heads of prosperous business houses, of banking-houses, left their money-getting to serve as privates in the volunteer army; of judges who have given up their seats on the Supreme Court bench, counting themselves fortunate to be able to do their part for the nations across the seas, at a pittance, even at a sacrifice of a princely income; of innumerable surgeons, and physicians of soul and of body who gave up lucrative practices and pulpits to hurry to the battlefield; of lawyers, leaving similarly large, profitable *clienteles*—armies of men in every rank and department of life. Those who were debarred from regular military service, put themselves eagerly under military discipline and training, to serve when and where the Government might find a use for them, whether as clerks, investigators, or what-not. Many avenues of the Department of Justice were supplied with valuable aids from this

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great civil army, volunteering; also, many branches of the Censor department, and all, forgetting their personal interests, pledged themselves to continue to serve until the end of the war.

No force, no trade, no profession that goes to make up modern civilization has withheld its gift of service. Authors great and small have written, spoken, labored ceaselessly, unstintedly. Artists have been diligent in designing posters, cartoons, in *camouflage*, even merrily giving their time to sign and hut painting. As to the devotion of the volunteer singers and of every class of theatre worker, giving, as they have done of their talent and their substance day after day, night after night, the sum total of their gift to the common cause has run far into the millions. Nor has the daily press failed, for it has given freely of its courageous men to the ranks and, not only has it contributed its space to works and workers of war philanthropy, but often at a cost to itself which was not small, has co-operated in ways highly important to the Government.

In glancing, even cursorily, over the enormous bulk of volunteer aid that has been forthcoming at this peculiar time of enormous need, aid which has come from every section of the country and from all kinds and conditions of men, it will be seen that the present war has well deserved the name one has bestowed upon it, of "the people's war." It has been, also, the American people's opportunity, not alone to define itself as a generous nation, a united one, but as a spiritual one; a nation of ideals and of world significance. Rising as one man to supply the needs of the afflicted, it has backed its sympathy by soldiers and unlimited supplies. Service and sacrifice has been its watchword, and in its wide and various ministry, the great and the small, the mighty and the mean, young and old, each and all have played his volunteer part.

Nothing approximating this eager, universal service has been recorded since the days of the old Hebrews when the people came "everyone whose heart stirred him up and everyone whom his spirit made willing" with gifts of wool, of linen, of gold; and "all the women who were wise-hearted, spun, and the children brought gifts, and "every man into whose heart the Lord had put wisdom and understanding wrought for the service and came up to do it."

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The Hebrews of the early world volunteered for the building of the Temple which was to commemorate their own deliverance from captivity. The American volunteers of this early twentieth century have labored and are laboring for a purpose vastly larger, vastly more altruistic, and, at the same time, immeasurably more enduring and far reaching, namely, the safe-guarding of the peoples of the earth against the encroachments of any among them who, in future, may arrogantly dream of a world hegemony. They have been altruistic in that they have merged their effort in such a way that few among them, save the occasional leader will ever know or be known by those in Europe whose ills and needs they have taken it as a privilege to supply and to soothe, and for whose well-being they have labored.

When the present time shall come to be analyzed by historians, probably the most notable of all the notable phases of it will be found to lie in the greatest volunteer movement in the world's records, all so wonderfully mobilized, and operating, on the whole, so harmoniously, the leading organized bodies of which have taken on importance as actual Government aids. The marvel of it is that these great war relief bodies aiding the Government in highly important ways, have cost it nothing. By appeal to the wealthy and to the public-spirited citizens at large, they have raised millions for disbursement among the starving and bereft in Europe, and for the operation of their huts and canteens, their "outposts of mercy" in the camps and cantonments and ports of embarkation of the American Expeditionary forces, both in the United States and abroad.

The special function for which the Young Men's Christian Association, the Salvation Army and the Community War Camp service groups have volunteered, is the saving of men in our army from war's many moral evils. With unanimous enthusiasm, their aim has been to restore to society, the men engaged in fighting, in even better moral and physical condition than they were when they entered the service. Many of the soldiers and sailors from the simpler walks of life are being given their first regular school courses during their leisure hours in camp and cantonment; or, they are completing studies in special fields under instructors provided by the welfare groups. In this way the great volunteer arms of the

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war machinery of the United States are building, in addition to their other War services, human character which must make for better citizenship upon the return of the military contingent to civil life.

It is worth noting, in passing, that this great outpouring of service and sacrifice, this wonderful welfare work among the camps, is the outgrowth of the modest work for the betterment of mankind which the London merchant, Sir George Williams, began, not quite a hundred years ago among his own clerks. This first Young Men's Christian Association proved to be a call to the manhood of the world, and one which was heard in its remotest corners. It has developed into a constantly enlarging chain, which in the last century, added many links to itself, and which, today, has its representation in every hamlet in Christendom and in the Orient, while its symbol, the Red Triangle, is familiar in every fighting area, on every battlefield and along every highway of travel in civilization.

The original association arose as a corrective of the moral disorders and social discontents which followed in the train of the exhausting Napoleonic and Revolutionary wars of the early nineteenth century. The first function of the first local association was to raise the standards of the demoralized civil population of London and to build the manhood of its members; to establish between men a feeling of mutual obligation to mutual service in times of stress and strain. The offices of the organization have extended even further in the last half century, particularly, during the present war, when the effort has been to prevent and, as well, to eliminate the evils which, proverbially, have threatened the moral well-being of the man under arms.

During the present conflict the "Y" huts for all soldiers and sailors are to be found wherever the fortunes of war deposit the fighting forces. Thousands dot the war-scarred stretches of French territory, which provide the men with clean and restful idling places, when idling may be indulged in, offering them beauty of surroundings, even, in addition to good foods and entertainment of a variety to rest the mind and, at the same time to stimulate courage. In all its work the organization studies human nature, and



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takes it into account. Through its thousands of secretaries, serving, generally, without salaries, though supported as to shelter and food by the association, the "Y" stays at the young soldier's side up to the very battle line, represented, generally by an "elder brother" secretary, who stands ready to perform a brother's offices wherever the need arises.

The welfare volunteer work, which is shared by the sturdy Roman Catholic organization, the Knights of Columbus, and the Jewish Welfare, has assumed, then, at this special time, the responsibility of "stiffening the *morale*" of the inexperienced soldiers for their work across the sea. It has a secondary purpose, to sustain the courage of the families of the soldiers, at home, by the assurance which the presence of the welfare men upon the battlefield gives them. These volunteers are pledged to throw their ministrations into the balance wherever the need arises. They serve sometimes, to get warm foods to the soldier, sometimes to bind up his wounds; to say a prayer beside the dying, or to take a last message to those at home. Sometimes their labor is shrouding the dead; but, happily, and thanks to modern science and to the efficient and sufficient corps of volunteer nurses, it has lain, oftener, in making the living merry.

Practically every sect and every house of worship in America has sent its own volunteer welfare workers across the sea, in addition to opening rest and hostess houses in our own cities for the young soldier in transit or encamped, and his people, who visit him. No word short of wonderful can describe the spirit of brotherhood which has developed to meet the present need among ministers, priests, rabbis, and independent religious workers at the front. These, serving the general good have forgotten their differences of creed and have gone forward to watch over or to aid wherever help has been required, or works of mercy waited to be done. And to support it all, widows go on giving their mites and the wealthy their millions. Little, if any, of the vast sums that have poured in for the support of this welfare work has gone to waste in red tape. Its great bulk has been administered through the safe offices of the Red Cross, a mention which brings into con-

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sideration, very naturally, the volunteer work of the massed Womanhood of America.

The Red Cross, because of its many kinds of services, especially to the sick soldiers, has taken on a new name during this war, that of "the Greatest Mother in the World." Though the enormous business of the association is under the control of distinguished financiers volunteering the gift of their experience and time, or, paying for that of others, the Red Cross stands essentially for the Volunteer woman spirit of the Nineteenth Century, flowering in the present one. Very rightly it is regarded as the greatest instrument for human salvage which the hour has called into existence. It is also the great particular witness-bearer to the present generation, of the advance in human standards which has taken place in the last potential century. In those to come, the nineteenth may well be called the Woman's Century. During it two great women who were to affect their time enormously came into existence, the one, Florence Nightingale, born in 1820, in Europe; and the other, Clara Barton, born in America in 1821, the year which also gave rise to the Y. M. C. A. The century which gave the world these mighty forces is drawing to a close. Within its compass the numerous organizations were formed which so powerfully have wrought as volunteer aids during the present strife.

A great author in a weary mood has uttered an axiom chiefly soothing to the cynic, which declares that the evil men do lives after them while the good perishes. The instances of Florence Nightingale and Clara Barton expose the fallacy of this pleasing phrase and offer the incontestable proof that it is the good alone that men do which lives on and on perpetuating itself and ultimately becoming an evil-destroying force; for, out of the persisting enthusiasm for humanity which characterized them, the care of the wounded in battle, which, less than sixty years ago was of so negligible a character as to amount to criminal indifference on the parts of the Governments of the world, has been completely metamorphosed. The Red Cross, arising, as has every large organization of today, from the foundation work of these great volunteers, speaks, then, for them through its own fine deeds. And it is worth while, in passing, for the purposes of this volume,

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to sketch here, in brief, the conditions from which the efficient hospital and welfare work of the World's War has taken its rise.

When, moved by the stories of incredible horrors that came from the battlefields of the Crimea, Florence Nightingale, with thirty-seven women volunteers, arrived on the field where her ministry was to make her famous, there were but two small barracks hospitals, in which to care for many thousands of wounded. It naturally ensues that the vast majority of them were not cared for at all. There were few physicians, and these overworked; no effort at sanitation, no cots, no bandages, no comfort kits, no anything with which to ease the agony of the unattended ill. Many of them lay for days in the fields where they fell, exposed to the weather, to hunger, thirst, to the pest. There were no welfare workers to seek them out or to aid the small company of volunteer nurses through their long arduous days or gloomy night vigils.

When the little band of women from England arrived at Scutari, the death rate among the unfortunate wretches was as high as forty-two per cent. It is a matter of record that, having applied herself first to the sanitation needs of the little hospitals and their improvised extensions, Miss Nightingale was able, in a comparatively short time, to lower the death rate to two per cent. The change was so marvellous that visitors to the hospitals perceived its great import, and went out from them to awaken the consciences of the Governments of Europe as to their duty to the soldiers who had fought to maintain them.

Added to Florence Nightingale's own passionate appeals for help made to the mother country, those of M. Dumont, the Swiss philanthropist, began to circulate among the capitals of the land; and now the work of Miss Nightingale and her thirty-seven assistants, whose names today are lost to the popular remembrance, gave impetus to an agitation which culminated in the first humanitarian Red Cross Conference in Switzerland which drew up articles to constrain all Governments to a kinder care of their wounded, of all wounded.

Glancing over Miss Nightingale's works and pleas and back at the ramifications of today's vast War Relief efforts, one is struck by the fact that every dream she dreamed for the betterment

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of war hospital practices has, latterly, materialized into a living, effective organization. It was Miss Nightingale who first thought of the need for reading matter for the men in the hospitals; of the need for dressing stations, for comfort kits which might supply the soldiers' many little needs. Today each of these needs is looked after by an efficient committee bent upon filling its specific function. And to crown her many services to humanity, Miss Nightingale converted the munificent gift of the British Government into the first hospital for the training of nurses.

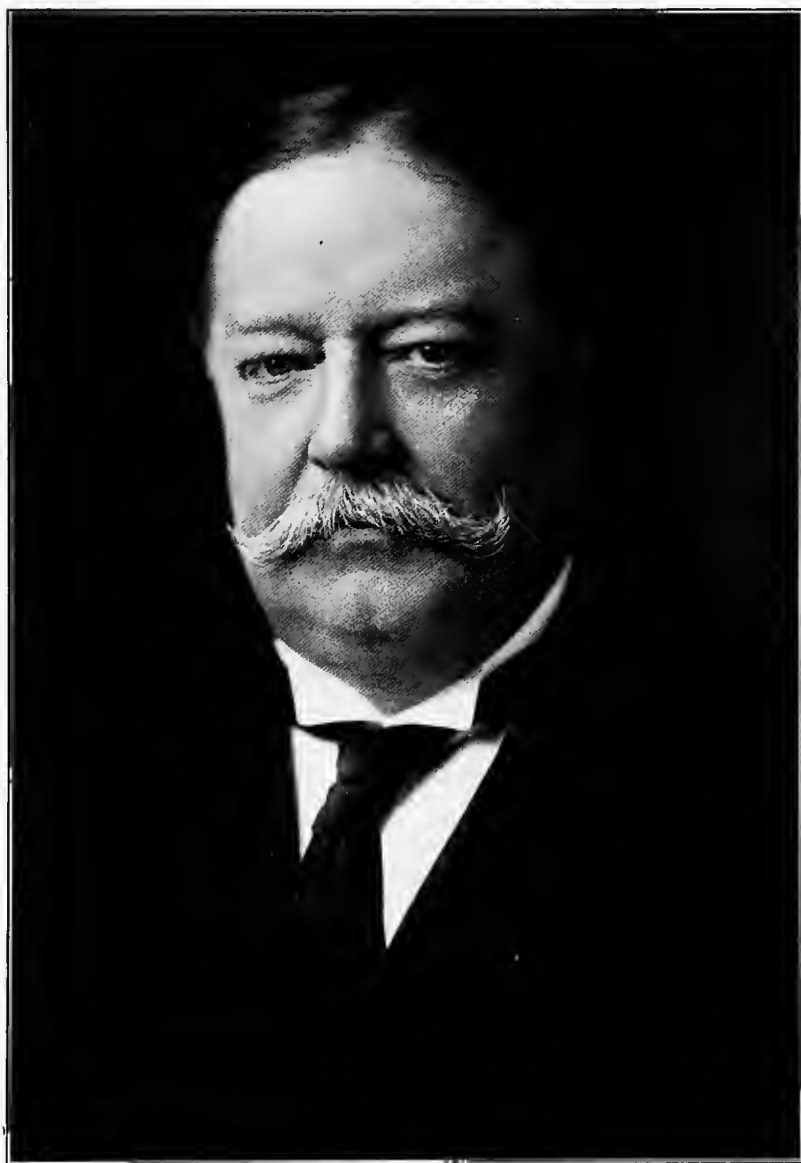
Ere the first Geneva convention had met, in 1864, the fratricidal war had begun to rage in America, and our own battle-fields were repeating in scarcely modified forms, some of the Crimean horrors, though nearer to willing volunteers. These, however, were wholly untrained for their work. It was now that Clara Barton to aid where aid was obviously needed, left her desk in the Patent Office, and assumed the labor of distributing supplies to the wounded, and of tracing the resting places of the dead. The fame of her services, and of those of many women helpers whose names have disappeared, preceded Miss Barton to Geneva, which city she visited in 1869, and the Swiss Committee which had met a second time to modify and to extend its original agreements, hastened to urge her to become their spokesman to the United States Government, and to ask it, in the name of humanity, to join its strength with theirs, the better to protect the wounded of future wars from enduring the unnecessary agonies borne by the soldiers of the wars of the past. Due to differences of opinion as to the scope of the articles which were adopted by the original International Red Cross, this invitation was not accepted by the United States Government until 1882, when grounds were found on which this Government could affiliate with those of Europe. Thereupon the first Red Cross Association was formed in the United States.

Miss Barton's zeal to improve national conditions here, however, had not ceased. Having done unforgettable service during the Franco-Prussian war, and having widened her knowledge enormously, by practical experience, decorated by the European rulers, Miss Barton returned to America early in the seventies to begin the work among the children and women which is so generally

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known today as The First Aid to the Injured. The broad knowledge of its rules, has been an incalculable factor in the intelligent Volunteer nursing of the present war. Indeed, thanks to Miss Barton's efforts, a small army of nurses were ready to serve when the call of the Spanish-American war came. It was this war which proved a revelation to the Government of the potentialities that lay in the Red Cross Volunteer group as an adjunct to the Army and Navy. This recognition led to a re-organization of the association in 1905, when the original body was dissolved and the present, incorporated association, having far wider scope and vastly more authority was created to take its place. It now operates directly in conjunction with the Government, as its great volunteer aid.

Florence Nightingale and Clara Barton in their pioneer fields are the only names now remembered of the throng who worked together for humanity's welfare. These names are the symbols that stand for all the work accomplished. And this fact, more eloquently, perhaps, than any detailed development of the *raison d'être* of the Voluntary Aid of America, expresses why the present volume has been undertaken. Whilst the pages that follow cannot, of necessity, list the many, many thousands of individuals throughout this great country who have rendered conspicuous service to humanity during this eventful period, yet they do conserve in the authentic records of organized War Relief undertakings, the names of many hundreds of the officers who led the hosts of privates in the mighty army of the Volunteer Aid of America.



HON. WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT,
CHAIRMAN, CENTRAL COMMITTEE THE AMERICAN RED CROSS.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

WARTIME activities of the American Red Cross are under the direction of a War Council of seven members, appointed by President Wilson, who also is president of the Red Cross. The members of the War Council are:

HENRY P. DAVISON, of J. P. Morgan and Company.

JOHN D. RYAN, President of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company.

CORNELIUS N. BLISS, JR., of Bliss, Fabyan and Company, New York.

GEORGE B. CASE, of the law firm of White and Case, New York.

HARVEY D. GIBSON, President of the Liberty National Bank, of New York.

And FORMER PRESIDENT TAFT and ELIOT WADSWORTH, *ex-officio*,
as Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively of the Central Committee.
Mr. Gibson also is General Manager of the Red Cross.

The first war fund campaign took place the week of June 18, 1917, which was designated "Red Cross Week" by a proclamation of President Wilson. The Finance Committee which had charge of the campaign, was headed by Cleveland H. Dodge, of New York; Secretary of the Treasury William G. McAdoo was the fund treasurer. One hundred million dollars was the mark set, and the week's contributions ran slightly above that figure.

At the establishment of the Red Cross organization on a war basis its membership was approximately 500,000. Six months later there were, in round numbers, 5,000,000 members, and the numbers of chapters had increased from 562 to 3,287. The "Christmas Membership Drive" during the week ending with Christmas Eve, 1917, swelled the membership rolls to more than 23,000,000.

In the period between the birthday anniversaries of Lincoln and Washington—February 12-22, 1918—the school children of the country were brought into the Junior Red Cross organizations.

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Immediately following the war organization and the raising of the first war fund, commissions were sent to the various countries in Europe where war was in progress. Major Grayson M-P. Murphy was appointed general commissioner for Europe and assumed direct charge of the commission to France, where the greater burden of American Red Cross work has fallen. The commission to France reached Paris during June. Eighteen men constituted the original working force. From this nucleus there developed before the end of the year an organization that operated all the way from Sicily up the whole western front and into Great Britain.

A chain of warehouses has been established behind the lines all the way across France, from the coast to Switzerland. The greatest motor transport organization there is in the world outside of those actually operated by the armies also has been developed. The workers actually engaged in the organization in France number thousands, a large percentage of them being volunteers who are serving without financial compensation and most of them paying their own expenses as well.

Relief work in France is divided between a department of military affairs and a department of civil affairs. The former department, in addition to maintaining a hospital supply service that provides for thousands of hospitals, a surgical dressings service that turns out and distributes hundreds of thousands of dressings every week, and several American Red Cross military hospitals, has concentrated a large amount of attention on canteen work, in the interest of both the American and French armies.

Many canteens at the front have been in operation for the French army, and recently the same service was installed to supply coffee and refreshments to American soldiers in the trenches. At the metropolitan canteens in Paris millions of soldiers have been served since the American Red Cross entered this field of work.

Preliminary to the arrival of the American Expeditionary Force in France, the American Red Cross did important work in improving the sanitary conditions in the zone which the United States troops were to occupy. This work is constantly kept up to meet the situation as the army abroad increases in size.



HENRY P. DAVISON, ESQ.,
CHAIRMAN THE AMERICAN RED CROSS—DECORATED BY THE
FRENCH, ITALIAN, AND BELGIAN GOVERNMENTS
IN RECOGNITION OF HIS VALUED SERVICES.

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Civilian relief work in France has embraced a campaign against tuberculosis, care of refugees and repatries, care of children, reconstruction and repair work in devastated areas and home service among the families of French soldiers. While much of the work in behalf of refugees has been done in the zones of comparative safety to which people have fled from the war areas, the German offensive launched in March, 1918, found American Red Cross men in large numbers performing actual rescue work in villages that were under the fire of the enemy. With the aid of the motor transport service hundreds of non-combatants were removed to places of safety.

At Evian, on the Swiss border, a corps of workers has been maintained for several months, together with a children's hospital, disinfecting plant, etc., for the care and relief of the children and aged and infirm persons who have been sent back by the Germans from the occupied portions of France and Belgium at the rate of one thousand or more a day.

Relief for the families of French soldiers has had for its object the double purpose of providing for the wants of the sick and destitute and strengthening the *morale* of the men at the front. In respect to the latter objective a success has been achieved which has called forth many expressions of praise from the highest French military and civil authorities. A gift of a lump sum of \$1,000,000 for distribution among 50,000 needy families, was one of the initial acts in this particular line of relief.

Minor Red Cross activities in France have included assistance in the care of mutilated soldiers, aid in re-educational work and care of the blind, and maintenance of plants for the manufacture of splints, anaesthetics, etc. An important work in connection with the prosecution of medical research has been the carrying on of experiments to ascertain the cause of trench fever, which in point of wastage is responsible for more than any other sickness.

Since air raids on Paris and other French cities have become a regular feature of Hun warfare the American Red Cross has established a day-and-night service to respond to air raid alarms, perform rescue work and remove the injured to the hospitals. On

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many occasions the effectiveness of this work has commanded widespread interest.

Among the newer developments is the establishment of a casualty service, for the gathering of detail information regarding American soldiers who are killed in battle, sick or wounded in the hospitals or taken prisoner by the enemy. The information collected is transmitted to relatives at home.

Prisoner relief is administered through a central office at Berne, Switzerland, where ample supplies of food are stored for shipment to German prison camps as the need requires. Recently plans were started to have emergency rations stored in prison camps, so that American prisoners could have the benefit of them on their arrival there. Through the arrangements made all prisoners in enemy camps will receive rations in plenty at frequent intervals, and special rations will be provided for invalids.

Appropriations for relief work in Italy have totalled considerable. Emergent relief work, rendered at a time when no permanent commission had been established in Italy, stands among the most notable of the Red Cross achievements of the first year of the war. When the Teuton hordes swept into the plains of Northern Italy in October, 1917, driving thousands of panic-stricken men, women and children before them, American Red Cross veterans from France rushed into the breach, helped to stop the rout, relieved the acute distress, and contributed in no small measure to the saving of the country from complete subjugation. What the American Red Cross did for Italy in this crisis was made the subject of official commendation on various occasions, and elicited thanks from H. M. the King, the Prime Minister and other dignitaries. A most important result accomplished was the cementing of friendship for America on the part of the Italian people, who previously, largely through German propaganda, had been skeptical of the good faith of the United States in the war.

At the outset the American Consuls throughout Italy were supplied with money to afford emergency relief. Forty-eight carloads of supplies were dispatched to the scene from storehouses in France. Several sections of ambulances also were started from France. Soup kitchens were opened, from which the refugees were



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GENERAL MANAGER, THE AMERICAN RED CROSS.

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given the first food they had received since their flight from their homes. Transportation for the refugees was arranged from the north, warehouses were opened at Central points, manufacture of surgical dressings was undertaken on a mammoth scale, hospitals for the concentration of contagious diseases were opened; and then, four days after the United States declared war against Austria, the first Red Cross ambulances left Milan for the Italian front, cheered by thousands of persons there and at all the towns through which they passed.

By the time the permanent commission reached Rome in the early winter, a complete survey of the whole Italian situation had been made by experts and all the more serious emergencies had been met. The American Red Cross was able to supply great quantities of equipment to replace the stores that were lost when the Teuton drive destroyed upwards of a hundred hospitals. The present relief work is being continued along the lines of the work in France.

Belgian relief work has called for large appropriations. There has been a program for improving conditions among the Belgian troops, and to provide recreation and medical service outside the scope of the Belgian war budget. The initial Red Cross gift was half a million francs to the Belgian Red Cross to be applied for the cost of the military hospital at Wolveringham. Contributions also have been made to the active field service of the army, in the form of surgical and medical equipment.

In civilian relief work in Belgium the American Red Cross placed its resources at the command of organizations already in the field to care for children and feeble persons, and get them away from the places of greatest danger. In order to have supplies ready at hand for emergencies twenty barrack warehouses were contracted for last fall.

Special aid has been given to the schools and colonies for children in which the Queen of Belgium is greatly interested. Establishment of health centers and a 250 bed hospital for the Belgian colony at Havre are among the other activities.

American Red Cross appropriations on account of work in Great Britain have amounted to millions. The gifts to the British

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Red Cross will be used for relief and comforts to sick and wounded in hospitals, for the maintenance of auxiliary hospitals and convalescent homes in England, and for institutions for orthopedic and facial treatment and for general restorative work for disabled British soldiers. The British orthopedic hospitals serve as training schools for American surgeons.

The gift to the Canadian Red Cross was given in recognition to the part Canada has played in the war for liberty. The money will be used to alleviate the suffering of wounded and sick Canadian soldiers.

The regular work of the American Red Cross in England includes the maintenance of a hospital at an English port for sick American soldiers and sailors, and support of a hospital at South Devon and the hospital for officers at Lancaster Gate, London.

Commissions have been maintained in Serbia, Roumania and Russia, where relief has been administered according to the needs of the situation in each instance. In Roumania the active relief work was abandoned only when the Red Cross representatives were forced to leave the country following the completion of Teutonic conquest. At the present writing a special commission, accompanied by several medical units is on its way to take up relief work in Palestine.

Red Cross chapters have organized and are maintaining more than a thousand canteens at railroad stations, to serve troops passing to and from camps and to ports of embarkation. In nearly every city, also, women's motor corps service has been established by volunteer workers.

Throughout the country plans have been made on an extensive scale to carry on Home Service in the interest of the families of soldiers who may need assistance, material or otherwise.

Although war activities concentrated its greater energies, the American Red Cross rendered prompt relief in cases of overwhelming disaster, outside the war zones, during the last year. There were three major disasters, widely separated, in the year 1917. They were, respectively, the Tien-tsin flood, which made one million people homeless and caused a crop and property loss amounting to approximately \$100,000,000; the Halifax explosion, which



FRANK B. GIFFORD, ESQ.
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASES OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS.

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wrecked a large part of the city and resulted in the killing and maiming of thousands of persons, and the Guatemala earthquake, which precipitated destitution and disease in addition to the property damage and the toll of death and injury exacted.

In the case of the flood in China the Red Cross cabled the American minister to draw for sums sufficient to meet emergency needs, and later assisted the Chinese government to perform the finest kind of relief work, through providing labor for ten thousand refugees for a period of several months. The appropriations for relief in connection with this disaster totalled \$125,000.

Within a few hours after the extent of the Halifax disaster was known special Red Cross trains left New York, Providence, and Boston for the scene, carrying tons of bedding, clothing, food and medical supplies, as well as doctors, nurses and experts in relief administration. Every obvious or anticipated need was provided for and the whole resources of the American people were pledged to the stricken city.

Urgent relief needs following the earthquake in Guatemala were met through the Guatemala Red Cross chapter, which purchased \$100,000 worth of supplies from the government stores in the Canal Zone. A shipload of medicine, food and other supplies was sent from New Orleans at the earliest possible moment, and a medical director was appointed to take charge of work on the ground. Expert relief workers and sanitary engineers also were dispatched from the United States to look after special phases of the situation.

THE BELGIAN WOMEN'S DOLLAR FUND



THE Belgian Women's Dollar Fund is included in these records as being significant of America's spontaneous response to Belgium's call for aid made through Madame Emile Vandervelde, in September, 1914. Madame Vandervelde's cabled appeal was printed in the morning press and the Belgian Women's Dollar Fund was created, and received its first subscriptions before noon of the same day.

The sole purpose of this Fund is expressed in its title, namely, to aid the destitute women and children of Belgium.

The Fund was founded and its operating expenses sustained by Miss Ada Sterling and Mr. Charles Elliot Warren, President of the Lincoln National Bank, New York, which institution became Depository for the funds collected until these were forwarded to its beneficiaries through M. Havenith, then Belgian Minister, at Washington, and through the Countess de Hemptinne. The work of the Fund was relinquished to the Belgian Relief Committee when that body developed its country-wide organization.




HON. ELIOT WADSWORTH.
VICE CHAIRMAN, THE AMERICAN RED CROSS.

AMERICA'S ALLIES CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE

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 HIS Committee was organized May 1, 1918, and has absorbed the Trench Comfort Packets Committee and the Emergency Italian Relief Committee, both of which continue their activities as departments of the new Committee, and both of which Mrs. Mary Hatch Willard was Chairman.

It is the aim of this Committee, in co-operation with these organizations, to assist in relieving such individual cases of need among our Allies as are not and cannot readily be reached by the large relief organizations.

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N Organization for collecting funds for Poland was started in Boston in 1915. Mr. Curtis Guild was President, and Mr. William Blake, Treasurer. The name of the society at that time was the "Boston Polish Relief." After Mr. Guild's death the society was reorganized and named the "Friends of Poland," by which name it is still called.

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MRS. GEORGE W. HILL, *Secretary*



THE Food for France Committee operates directly with the Service de Sante, that branch of the French Government having charge of hospital and relief work. Food stuffs are purchased and shipped through the courtesy of the French authorities to the Entrepot des Dons (Depot of Gifts), Paris, and thence distributed to the hospitals.

Every penny of donations received is expended exclusively for food. No salaries, commissions or honorariums are given to anyone. All expenses or necessary outlays are met personally by members of the Committee.

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YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

IN its experience and evolution since its foundation in 1844 in London, the Young Men's Christian Association has proven an efficient and adaptable agent of community Christian interest and enterprise. Its fundamental principle of work with, by, and for men, and its remarkable adaptability to various groups and varying conditions have been exemplified in its extension from its first field, in cities, to specialized groups such as railroad men and college students. The confidence of the communities in which it has served is indicated by the provision of substantial equipment in the way of suitable specially designed buildings. Leading citizens gladly serve voluntarily on its committees and a large number of secretaries have been specially trained as its executive officers. It was natural, therefore, that Association service should be extended to the men of the Army and Navy.

At the beginning of the war between the States in 1861, the Y. M. C. A. organized the U. S. Christian Commission, which served the Federal troops in camp and in field. Its volunteer agents or Commissioners distributed about \$3,000,000 in supplies and \$2,500,000 in cash. This organization was the forerunner of the National War Work Council of the Y. M. C. A., somewhat as the U. S. Sanitary Commission foreshadowed in its service the tremendous present service of the Red Cross.

During the Spanish-American war the Association acted in camp and field providing comforts and conveniences and supple-

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menting the work of the Chaplains. After that war, work at regularly established Associations was carried on among both the men of the Army and the men of the Navy, and a number of handsome and permanent structures were erected for that purpose. Notable among these are the Army Association buildings at Ft. Monroe and Ft. Leavenworth, and the Navy Association buildings at Brooklyn, Norfolk and Newport. The Brooklyn building, for instance, serves as a home or club house for the men of the ships when they have shore leave, lodging an average of over 500 per night. This type of work was projected also into our territorial possessions, and a well equipped Club House for men of the Army was provided at Ft. William McKinley, P. I. This building is a very lively center of activities whenever the men of the post have leisure. The daily attendance averages about 2,000.

When the National Guard was mobilized on the Mexican border in 1916, the Y. M. C. A., through its International Committee, proffered the President and the Secretary of War the services of the organization. One of the International Secretaries went immediately to Texas and arranged for the speedy erection of temporary buildings with the various camps of the Guard and Regulars which were established along the Border, from Brownsville on the Gulf to San Diego on the Pacific.

When our country entered the World War, Dr. John R. Mott, representing the Y. M. C. A., proffered to President Wilson and to the Secretaries of the War and Navy Departments, the services of the organization; and upon their acceptance, steps were taken immediately to coordinate all the experience and resources of the Association. The National War Work Council of the Young Men's Christian Association of the United States, organized April 10, 1917, is composed of more than a hundred of the Nation's leading business and professional men who authorize, direct, and supervise the work of the secretarial staff in the various camps. The Y. M. C. A. operates in all the military and naval camps in this country by sanction of the Government under direct executive order by the President, (April 27, 1917,) and in cooperation with the Army and Navy Departments' Commissions on Training Camp Activities, with which Commissions the Association is affiliated.

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Briefly, this work of the Army and Navy Y. M. C. A. may be classified under the following five headings:

FIRST: The erection and maintenance of the necessary service, administration, auditoriums, and other special buildings, and the promotion of the Association's usual program of entertainment, recreational and athletic games, and social, educational, and religious activities. This program is worked out in conference with representatives of the Knights of Columbus and the Jewish Welfare Board, in order to avoid duplication when these organizations are represented in camp. While the Association and these other organizations have their distinctive religious affiliations, all the facilities and privileges of each are open alike to all men of the Army and Navy.

SECOND: The continuation and extension of the usual Army and Navy Y. M. C. A. program which has been carried on in peace times in the permanent Army and Navy branch buildings, at permanent Naval stations and regular Army posts, such as the Navy Y. M. C. A. at Brooklyn or Norfolk, and the Army Y. M. C. A. at Fort Slocum or Fort Monroe.

THIRD: Work on trains, transports, and for men in transit while they are at ports of embarkation. For this group provision is made similar to that noted under the first heading, and secretaries also accompany troops on trains and on transports.

FOURTH: The Association performs for men of the American Army and Navy overseas similar service to that rendered at home, and in addition such other service as the operating of post exchanges, which has been assigned the Y. M. C. A. by military authority. The Association also places its program and facilities at the disposal of the Allied Armies and Navies, extensive work being done with the French Army in the Foyer du Soldat, and also with the Italian and other Armies. Services are rendered also in connection with prisoners of war.

FIFTH: Work for the men in war industries in this country: As for example, men in the Navy yards, in the arsenals, soldier loggers, and civilian workers in ship yards or munition plants under the control of the Government. In this connection it should be noted that city, railroad and county associations have opened their

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doors to troops in a most hospitable manner, granting social privileges, bathing facilities, etc., freely.

I. THE AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE: The overseas service of the War Work Council with its main divisions for field administration located in Paris, is providing for the soldiers and sailors of the American Forces overseas through various bureaus, chief among which are the Personnel Bureau, the General Supplies Bureau (including motor transport, warehouses, purchasing and shipping), the Educational Bureau, the Religious Bureau, and the Entertainment Bureau. When the troops arrive, having come across on a transport which probably had a Y. M. C. A. secretary or two on board to serve the men in transit, they find, as they disembark and go to the great camps at which they are first located, that the Association equipment and secretaries are ready to welcome and serve them there. Athletics and various forms of entertainment are provided, together with special services such as changing of money, the maintaining of restaurants or hotel facilities and a general intelligence department. As the troops pass on to the training camps in the intermediate regions they find such work as is usually maintained in the camps at home. Much attention is given to the provision of entertainment, and of educational and inspirational addresses. An extensive organization is set up which provides motion picture service. A considerable number of talented entertainers are sent from the United States and routed through the various camps. At the invitation of General Pershing, the Association has charge of canteens or post exchanges wherever the American Forces are found. In the earlier stages of the work the aim was to operate the canteens at merely the cost of operation, but since then a policy has been adopted to meet the lowest prices of the Army canteen, even though a financial loss is entailed. In the Zone of Combat the conditions require a special type of Association service, including the maintenance of transportation for supplies, the extemporizing of huts in deserted villages, the maintenance of canteens in dugouts along communication trenches, etc., and the free distribution of supplies to men in the front line trenches. So far as possible the usual entertainment, educational,

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and religious activities are carried on, subject to abnormal conditions. In the "leave areas" where the men of the Army are allowed a periodic leave of eight days the Association has been given charge of the provision of recreation, including concert halls, lecture halls, libraries, and reading rooms, and the organization of outings and excursions. The number of huts in operation in August, 1918, with the American Expeditionary Forces in England was 135, and in France 890; there were also 300 additional contact points. It was expected up to November 1st, there would be in operation in France 1,390 huts, with 500 other contact points. The number of workers reported as actually serving in France, England and Italy, with the American Expeditionary Forces, in August, 1918, was 4,876. A careful estimate indicated that the total number needed by November, 1919, would be 7,500, of whom one-fifth would be women, who perform a most effective service in connection with the canteens. Careful planning has already begun to meet the educational opportunity which will be presented in the period that ultimately must elapse between the cessation of hostilities and the return of troops to America. Some educational work is now being done, particularly in the study of French. An expert investigation made by Dr. Luther Gulick emphasized the need overseas for the Association's program of recreational, athletic, and competitive games in which there is the largest possible participation. There is positive moral value in securing active participation in sports by every man in a command.

II. WITH THE AMERICAN NAVY: Turning to the American Navy we find that in the United States the Y. M. C. A. is serving the needs of the Navy at 58 points in 123 centers or buildings, 76 of which were specially constructed by the Council, 38 are either rented or granted by the Government, and 9 are permanent buildings, such as the Norfolk Branch of the Navy Y. M. C. A. This Navy work is highly significant because the largest amount of it is carried on at the Navy Training Stations where the Association makes an effective contribution to the establishment of right traditions among the men of the new Navy. The Great Lakes Training Station alone requires, for example, a staff of between 75 and 100 secretaries.

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III. WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY: Service with the American Army in the United States began the day this country recognized a state of war, and has increased in volume rapidly and continuously. A survey of the field in this country and its territorial possessions indicates operations at 283 points in 665 buildings, of which 608 have been specially constructed by the War Work Council. Fifty are either rented or their use granted by the Government and 7 are the permanent buildings of regular Army Y. M. C. A. branches. In the conduct of this Army work 3,569 secretaries were engaged at the end of August, and there were many vacant positions for which men were needed. Not only is the Association at work in every large cantonment or camp, but also at the very many smaller posts. There is even a considerable service being rendered to the scattered outposts along the Mexican Border where, in the summer of 1918, 58 secretaries were touching 74 border outposts between Brownsville on the Gulf and Yuma, Arizona. The program of the Association in the American camps is very familiar. It aims to occupy the leisure time of the men in such a way as to sustain *morale*. It seeks to make men better soldiers, and to help soldiers attain and sustain right relations with God and their fellows. Gratifying success meets the program of social, educational, recreational, physical and religious activities. This program is outlined and operated in co-operation with other agencies doing a similar or related work in the camps, and the Association's accomplishments merit and meet the approval of officers and men. An interesting feature of the home work is the service rendered by the Transportation Bureau, which arranges to have secretaries accompany men on troop trains, beginning with the induction of the selected men into the National Army and going with them from the training camp to the port of embarkation, and accompanying them also upon the transports.

IV. SUMMARY OF WORK AT HOME: A survey of the War Work of the Y. M. C. A. in this country, including July, indicates that operations were being carried on at 431 camps, stations or posts in a total of 788 buildings or centers of which 684 were specially constructed by the War Work Council. Eighty-eight were either rented or were granted by the Government, and 16 were per-

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manent Army and Navy Y. M. C. A.'s. There were engaged in the home work 4,005 secretaries, in the field, and 106 in departmental headquarter's staff service. Points as remote as Guam, the Philippines, Honolulu, Porto Rico and the Canal Zone are served.

V. INSULAR POSSESSIONS: American troops in the Philippines, West Indies, and Canal Zone, although relatively small groups, are receiving special attention. For a number of years the Association has served with the regulars in the Philippines. Its activities there were greatly enlarged at the beginning of the war and new buildings were provided at Corregidor and Stotsenburg. Provision has been made for the erection of Association buildings in the new training camp for the Philippine Army to be trained near Stotsenburg. Troops stationed at and near Honolulu have had special provision made for their needs. Prior to the war they were served by the Army and Navy Y. M. C. A. occupying the former Royal Hawaiian hotel, and since our entrance into the war additional temporary buildings have been provided for the men of the service there. In the West Indies provision has been made for Porto Rican troops in training, and Association service was rendered also at the three officers' training camps in Porto Rico. Plans are already under way whereby the needs of the small isolated troops of marines in Cuba, Haiti, San Domingo and the Virgin Islands will be met. Work has been begun on the Canal Zone, which initiates service there for the soldiers and sailors in that area.

VI. WITH THE FRENCH ARMY: Upon invitation of the French Government the Y. M. C. A. has co-operated in work for the French soldiers at centers known as Foyers du Soldat. This has extended until now it is established at some 831 points, located for the most part in the Zone of Combat. The French Ministry of War has asked that this work be extended to 2,000 points to cover the whole French Army. It is also being extended to the French Navy. There are engaged in this work 750 French Directors, with whom are associated 368 American Secretaries.

VII. THE ITALIAN ARMY: Resulting from the visit of a deputation of American and English Association leaders to Italy last year, there came a request from the military authorities of

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Italy asking that Association workers be sent for service with their troops, and a chief executive secretary has been located in Bologna, Italy. A most remarkable opportunity has developed for carrying out in the Italian Army of a program of physical training. There are in this service with the Italian Army 165 American secretaries.

VIII. WORK IN RUSSIA: The extensive development of Y. M. C. A. work in Russia while the Russian Army was still counted among the fighting forces of the Allies suffered contraction when Russia dropped out of the line of the Allied combatants. The secretaries representing the Association in Russia held out courageously, however, and their patience and faith was rewarded by a new opportunity for war work in Russia. There were about seventy-five secretaries in that country in September, 1918, working in the east in the neighborhood of Vladivostock, and in the west in the neighborhood of Archangel. They are serving the Czechoslovaks and the increasing forces of the Allies.

The Association also has been able to serve the relatively small Russian unit which remained in France fighting beside the Allies. The secretaries serving in Russia received co-operation not only from the Government, but from various Russian societies and agencies.

IX. WORK FOR THE MEN OF OTHER ALLIED ARMIES: Here is found a cosmopolitan opportunity, as practically every race in the world is now represented in the constituency served by the Association in Europe. Among the nationalities with whom the Association has the privilege of serving are included the Belgians, Portugese, Polish and Czech units and the Indian armies in France.

There are also secretaries serving the labor battalions connected with our own army and with the French and Italian forces; these labor battalions include Chinese, Indians, and Africans. There is also a very effective service rendered to men of the allied armies in Egypt, Palestine, Mesopotamia, East Africa and Macedonia; the typical camp and field program of the Association is carried on with these remote Expeditionary Forces, as far as circumstances permit.

X. WORK WITH PRISONERS OF WAR: This service was begun not long after the breaking out of the war in Europe and

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developed until, in the early part of 1917, it had been extended to prisoners in every belligerent country except Turkey. Its field included over 6,000,000 prisoners. The relatively small groups of secretaries concerned did very effective work in organizing such activities as were possible among the prisoners, and in bringing to them an appreciated touch of Christian sympathy from the outside world. The purely humanitarian considerations supporting such work are re-enforced by the practical considerations that such service when rendered to prisoners of war of enemy countries may react in the most important and practical way upon the treatment of American and allied prisoners within the central countries.

In the preceding incomplete summary of various phases of the Association's activities under the National War Work Council no reference is made to the problems of finance, material, or personnel. It is clear that so extensive a work makes large demand for the best that can be provided by the home communities. Today the heart of our country is largely in the training camps and with the American Expeditionary Forces overseas. The Y. M. C. A. is privileged to be an agency through which the sympathy and interest of the American public is expressed to its soldiers and sailors. With such an objective and such backing there is no question but that the remarkable accomplishment of the Y. M. C. A. will be continued in increasing measure.

In connection with the first financial campaign, in the spring of 1917, approximately \$5,000,000 was subscribed and paid. The second financial campaign, November, 1917, resulted in securing nearly \$54,000,000.

From a report for one year's activities promoted by the War Work Council the following items are given:

Attendance at buildings (est.)	104,293,700
Letters written on stationery provided by Assn.	104,665,200
Money Orders sold	6,550,600

EDUCATIONAL

Attendance at lectures	3,268,900
Attendance at Educational Classes	2,613,100
Number books circulated	1,496,000
Attendance Educational Clubs	245,200

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PHYSICAL

Number participating in Athletics.....	10,865,400
Spectators	7,877,600

RELIGIOUS

Attendance Religious Meetings	7,668,300
Attendance Bible Classes	838,300
Scriptures distributed	608,976
Personal Interviews	339,700
War Roll Signed and Christian Decisions.....	220,496

SOCIAL

Attendance Entertainments	12,646,200
Attendance Motion Pictures	10,736,825

The task of the Association with the men who are serving with the colors is to preempt their leisure, and its secretaries are ingenious in providing in a friendly fashion plans which make it as easy as possible to do right and as hard as possible to do wrong. In its organized friendship and its constructive program for safeguarding the *morale* of the Army and Navy it is performing a National service of real value and in this great task it has the hearty and generous co-operation of the American public.

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AT THE FRONT

AT the suggestion of Lady Charles Walston the above fund was organized in England with the idea of supplying packages of comforts for American soldiers at the front, and the appeal is principally made to Americans resident in England and France for support. Sir Charles Walston is chairman of the fund in England, and Major George Haven Putnam, late United States Volunteers, is the American representative.



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JEWISH WELFARE BOARD



THE Jewish Welfare Board, a national organization officially recognized by the United States on the same basis as the Y. M. C. A. and the Knights of Columbus, ministers to the spiritual, physical and moral needs of the large number of men of the Jewish faith in the Army and Navy.

In every camp or Naval Training Station in the country, you will find at least one Jewish chap in Olive Drab, who wears a six-pointed star (Star of David) on his sleeve. He is one of the two hundred field representatives of the Jewish Welfare Board. It is his function to act as counsellor, teacher, big brother and friend to the Jewish soldiers and sailors who come within his territory.

Ministering in general to the spiritual and recreational needs of the men of the Jewish faith in camps and Naval Training Stations, the Jewish Welfare Board's field representatives do a valuable work in furnishing a point of contact for the soldier who understands little English and is strange in his new surroundings. The man with the six-pointed star helps him to understand his new situation and to adjust himself. To attain this end, classes in English, American History, Civics, French, etc., military tactics and campaigns on the Western Front have been established at practically all of the camps by these representatives.

A feature of the Jewish Welfare Board's program is the religious function. The Jewish boy is given an opportunity to satisfy his religious nature as much as he desires. Religious services are conducted daily and Friday evenings, on all of the high holidays, and for special occasions. In the large camps, services are under

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the direction of a resident rabbi, whose tasks include every variety of religious service, even an occasional burial or marriage.

In addition to attending to the religious and educational needs of the boys in camp, the Jewish Welfare Board representatives in co-operation with other welfare agencies help to furnish them with wholesome amusements, entertainments, lectures and concerts, literary discussions and study groups. The biggest accomplishment of the welfare worker, however, cannot be calculated or stated in cold facts or figures. This is the personal service in the hospital, barracks or guard house. The welfare worker does everything for the men from writing letters to finding relatives.

The home office maintains an information service bureau, to which relatives of the soldiers, and even the soldiers themselves, bring their perplexities for solution.

After the boys leave camp, the Jewish Welfare Board still takes care of them. Several Jewish chaplains are now with the American Expeditionary Forces in France.

In the Navy, the Jewish Welfare Board does similar work. It has established connections with the men on board many United States war ships, and supplies them with Prayer books, Bibles, stationery, reading matter in Yiddish and English, victrola records, comfort kits, etc.

In the larger camps the Jewish boys have huts of their own for services, classes and entertainments. Fifty huts are now in the process of construction and will be opened by the end of the summer.

In all the communities adjacent to the camps, and in the many large cities as well, there are local branches of the Jewish Welfare Board which provide for the pleasure and comfort of the men and for the well being of their dependents. The local branches co-operate with the National Organization to make its work more effective and far reaching in its results. They take care of the men at camps by supplying them with various comforts, by social work among the soldiers, and their dependents at home, by arranging entertainments and dances, by doing everything to make the life of the man in uniform more pleasant and comfortable.



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Colonel Harry Cutler, of Providence, R. I., is Chairman of the Board; Dr. Cyrus Adler, of Philadelphia, Vice-Chairman; Walter E. Sachs, of New York, Treasurer, and Mr. Chester Jacob Teller, of New York, Secretary and Executive Director. The Administrative Council includes many of the most prominent American Jews.

It is a triple function the Jewish Welfare Board performs—religious, social welfare and patriotic; with the soldier in camp, on the field, anywhere to be of service. By providing recreation, religious consolation and wholesome surroundings, the Jewish Welfare Board attempts to create a condition as nearly normal as that of the boy's own home—foster the better spirit in man that is called morale. No matter what conditions a soldier is under, if he can have some of those things that he enjoys at home, he is better satisfied and will make a better soldier.

It is the big job of the Jewish Welfare Board to follow the flag, spreading good cheer wherever it goes, bracing up the wavering, raising the fallen in spirit, teaching those who do not understand that they may emerge from this conflict, better men, better Americans and better Jews.

The Jewish Welfare Board is in the war to help win the war.

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OLLECTION of funds for the War Babies Cradle was begun in August, 1916, at the request of Countess Marie de Hemptinne, who had charge of a depot in Paris where clothing and food were received for distribution among the destitute. The appeal for the War Babies Cradle was for funds to supply beds and care for French soldiers' wives who were about to become mothers.

Mrs. Jules S. Bache was appealed to and an American Committee was organized as follows:

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HIS Association was formed to send comforts and knitted articles to the men of the 42nd or Rainbow Division. The Firemen of New York City have been among the knitters and have done splendid work for this Division. A moving picture was taken of the Fire Houses in which this work was done, this picture being shown all over the United States and a reel having been given by Mr. Jack Cohn, of the Universal Film, to be sent to the boys of the Division in France. This was given the Knights of Columbus to take to them. A large proportion of knitting needles have been bought from the Eastern State Penitentiary, Philadelphia, these men hav-

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ing done a large amount of war work. They were given the pattern of a new paper vest and have turned out large quantities of same.

This (42nd) Division is made up of Regiments from twenty-six States and the District of Columbia, namely, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, Wisconsin, New York, Ohio, Georgia, Alabama, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Maryland, California, Missouri, North and South Carolina, Kansas, Virginia, Texas, Michigan, Nebraska, New Jersey, Tennessee, Oregon, Oklahoma, Colorado, District of Columbia.

The National Chairman worked among the officers and men of this division for six weeks before they left for France, and immediately before leaving several of the Regiments were called together and told to hold up their hands when without a sweater, etc., and in this way a list of their needs was left with the National Chairman, and as they are in communication with the officers of the Supply Train and others, they keep in touch with their needs.

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HE "Refugees in Russia" was organized in July, 1916, through the efforts of Mr. Thomas Whittemore, of Cambridge, Mass., who had already done work in Russia for the relief of Russian refugees, and wished to return to this work backed by a fund sufficient to make his efforts effectual. The national committee, called the American Executive Committee, appointed was as follows: Charles R. Crane, William H. Crocker, Charles W. Eliot, Henry L. Higginson, Arthur Curtiss James, George T. Mayre, Henry Morgenthau, Charles H. Sabin, Thomas Whittemore.

A Boston committee was immediately formed, made up as follows: Mrs. Ralph Adams Cram, Chairman; Mrs. Curtis Guild, Miss Sophie C. Hart, Miss Katharine P. Loring, Miss Mary C. Wheelwright, Mrs. Roger Wolcott, Miss Sarah Yerxa, Mr. Joseph E. Chandler, Mr. Horatio A. Lamb, Mr. Chandler R. Post, Mr. Leo Wiener, Mr. Seth T. Gano, Mr. Charles G. Saunders.

This Boston committee had charge of the raising of funds, and acted as a central committee in connection with committees in various other cities.

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The New York Executive Committee was constituted as follows: Frederick Wooley, Chairman (Philbin, Beekman, Menken & Griscom); Robert I. Barr, Treasurer (The Chase National Bank, New York); W. Dudley Carleton (of Jones & Carleton); Thomas Randolph Turner (The International Reconstruction League); Elizabeth K. Reynolds, Secretary.

Mr. Whittemore has continued his work through all the changes of government in Russia, and has made arrangements for the planting of food crops to be used as food stuffs for the refugee population during the winter season.

APPUI AUX ARTISTES

PEINTURE—SCULPTURE—ARCHITECTURE

Was founded in Paris a few days after the war began by:

LA VICOMTESSE DE RANCOUGNE
MISS GANDELL

MISS GARDNER HALE
MISS MALVINA HOFFMAN



He most important Canteens are the following: 19 Rue Raguerre, Director, M. Andre; 1 Place du Calvaire, Director, M. Neumont. The Appui Aux Artistes has a very definite purpose. It helps artists and their families deprived of work by the War. It feeds them at its Canteens and clothes them at its Vestiaire. As there is no other organization doing similar work in Paris, its burdens increase as the War goes on, more and more artists, their resources exhausted, turning to it for aid.

Executive Committee for America: Edwin H. Blashfield, Dewitt Parshall, Joseph H. Hunt, F. Luis Mora, Charles A. Platt, Willard Metcalf, Jules Guerin, Ernest Peixotto, W. Howard Hart, Kenneth Frazier.

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THE SALVATION ARMY WAR WORK

THE Salvation Army movement cannot be ignored when one is surveying the social problems of the last twenty-five years, for the organization has come forward with a fresh optimism, with a theory that many problems involving multitudes may be solved only by dealing with the individuals in the mass, one by one, and attacking the problems in a buoyant, natural fashion, and without consulting the conventional methods of orthodox sociology. Not all the world has approved our methods, but not for many years have we heard a criticism concerning the zeal, the practical forms which their religious experiences have assumed, the naturalness and humanness of the appeals of the officers and soldiers of The Salvation Army. They have lived where the mass of the people have lived, for they have been of the people chiefly. Men are men, in war as in peace, and the coming of the war found The Salvation Army not unprepared. To us it seemed that for this crisis The Salvation Army was born, for all our teaching and training and all the various forms of practical service to which we gave ourselves in times of peace we found had qualified us—had given skill to the hands, adaptability to the minds, sympathy to the hearts and strength to the wills to fill a place which in no other war had ever been filled in like measure by a religious organization.

The Salvation Army's first attempt at War Relief Work was during the South African war when on account of the great distances from large supplies, the needs in remote sections were fre-

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quently very great. Moved by the desire to give aid to the suffering and provide useful recreation for the soldiers while they were at leisure, the officer in command of Salvation Army work in Cape Town, proposed the erection of temporary huts in the camps. These huts obtained at once an immense popularity and opened up an entirely new form of war relief activity to the organization. So far as we can learn, aside from the Red Cross, no other organization engaged in this form of activity during the Boer War. With the experience thus gained, tabulated and made permanent, General Bramwell Booth directed the opening of relief operations during the week in which Great Britain declared war on Germany. This phase of work, therefore, cannot be said to be new to The Salvation Army, and it was a most perfectly logical thing that when our own great country entered into the war The Salvation Army should accompany it in the role of Helper and Consoler.

Out from our American cities the men poured in great multitudes. Most of these were from the classes among which the organization works. Our Commander, Miss Evangeline Booth, saw at once in what direction our duty lay and before the first American soldiers had landed in France, she had selected an officer of fine ability to survey the field in France and to arrange, if possible, for an opening of our work. Within a few days he had reported favorably and before the second contingent of American troops had gone abroad, the first group of Salvation Army officers had sailed for pioneer work. Nothing, of course, was ready for them upon their arrival and both men and women suffered hardships along with the soldiers, frequently finding it necessary to sleep in the fields or the woods. Almost any sort of building served for the moment as a hut. Tents and portable buildings and partly demolished homes were employed. When the troops moved our officers moved with them. From training camp to trench our officers went with the American soldiers.

It was a daring innovation and one against which we were strongly advised when we proposed to employ women in the war service work in France. It seemed to us, however, a great pity that the qualities which reside in good women should fail of being

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brought into operation where men most need them. Our Commander, therefore, obeyed the inspiration and in every successive group of officers sent abroad, a large proportion were women. "Here is a soldier boy! He forces his way through limitless mud; it rains incessantly upon him; it is cold, with a raw bite in the air that he never knew before and he is lonesome and homesick and weary and probably discouraged. The drill has got into him, the discipline rubs and wears and has no lenient touch, no accommodating elasticity for the sore places it has made by repeated friction; and then, just when he is feeling all frayed out and fractious he comes upon The Salvation Army hut and finds that the officers therein have followed him from America, just for the very purpose of meeting him at this juncture. He discovers there is a motherly woman in the establishment—an American woman! Hear her talk? She speaks like his mother spoke, and nobody quite spoke like his mother before this. This wonderful Salvation Army woman makes fruit pies and doughnuts and cakes and fudge, just as mother makes it. She can sew on a button and knows exactly what he means when he speaks of what he has been feeling—nay, she knows before he can get it all out!"

Some of this is pure sentiment, but we will not deprecate it for that reason, for we understand how vast a place sentiment holds in the human heart and how dead and cold is a heart in which sentiment has expired. We must know there is no sentiment in the cannon, the machine gun, the mud of the trenches and cruel barbed wire of No-man's land, the iron-bound orders of the military machine and the boys with great longings for friends and for home and for a gentle voice and hand are feeling in their hearts, during many hours of each day, the metallic crash of these things. Then they go back out of the trenches and in warm buildings; find women so wholesome and pure and gentle that they represent mother, and men so strong and righteous and encouraging that they are in the stead of father, and the warm, kindly hand of sentiment comes to brush the clouds away and light up the gloom and get them ready for another day and—well, probably to reveal to them the beauty of holiness.

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All these men and women we think of as “unofficial chaplains”—chaplains who are not a part of the big military machine and are there in an official capacity, but chaplains who are there out of love—out of sentiment, if you please! These are our women and men connected with our hut work at the camps. A part of the duty of these men and women is distinctively concrete and unsentimental as will be seen from the following description of one of our first huts, by a correspondent of a New York paper:

“The hut is really a long, sectional wooden building, 150x40 feet, brilliantly lighted through ten windows upon each side. The door at one end is as wide as the welcome that goes with it. I did not measure it, but soldiers in columns of fours could pass through, with room to spare. Under each window are roughly built, but substantially fixed, wooden desks equipped with paper, pens, ink and pencils. Spread in orderly fashion throughout the hut are small tables with chairs on each side. At the extreme end from the door are shelves lined with good literature, the classics and classic novels, together with moderns of varied sort. Before these shelves are counters with khaki clad salvationist attendants behind them. Upon other shelves are games of chess and checkers, and in a corner a phonograph with a case containing hundreds of records.

“Candies and chocolates, cakes and goodies are for sale at cost prices, and grape juice, root beer, with hot tea and coffee are to be had at a penny a cup. It’s good coffee, too, as good as a man would wish to drink.

“The Hut is in charge of a Salvation Army officer, who has five men and six salvation lassies with him. They are all musicians and will give concerts and song services for the soldiers at frequent intervals. They propose, in addition, making fudge, home-made caramels, cookies and cakes, with real American pie to be sold at cost prices. The huts will be used for services and Bible classes on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. At other times they will be at the disposal of the soldiers, for denominational services or club and fraternity meetings. Already arrangements have been made for a Jewish service by the Hebrew soldiers of the battalion quartered near the hut, and the Loyal Order of the Moose will have an initia-

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tion and lodge meeting during the coming week." One of our own correspondents amplifies this description:

"Meetings are held on Thursday and Sunday nights. The hut is crowded and the men seem concerned and interested in spiritual things. They join heartily in the singing. On Sunday morning the Chaplain of the regiment conducts his service in the hut. He has a good congregation of boys in olive drab and he is full of appreciation for the help The Salvation Army gives to him."

A press correspondent said of some of our pioneer officers: "The influence of these six women has already been felt in the village where the hut has been erected. They are the first American women who have come into the army zone to live the life of the troops and, as such, are looked upon in respectful wonder. They will cook their own meals in quarters attached to one end of the hut, and sleep on army cots, rising at reveille, and being ready to serve at all hours. The Salvation Army men will live in tents and take mess with the soldiers. These men are all of the human type, with the quality that attracts men written all over their countenances."

Mr. Thos. Johnson, war correspondent for the New York Evening Sun, writes to his paper: "Perhaps the most striking feature is that right behind the trenches of the American soldiers is a devoted little band of Salvation Army lassies. They are established in ruined villages well within the range of the shells. These women are quartered in smashed up buildings with dugout adjoining, cooking real American pies and doughnuts, mending clothes and performing generally those little tasks which only women can do to comfort the men who are risking their lives daily."

All through his service in camp, in the field, in the trenches and in the hospital, our Salvation Army officers go with our boys and then when the solemn taps sound and the boy "goes west" to the setting of the sun, on the longest of all journeys, she is at his side showing him the way to the straight and narrow gate into the City of Light. And then, beyond, when the broken body is laid away in the last trench she is there with her tears shed vicariously for mother and her flowers, to show that the boy is not forgotten.

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"Two girls came to-day with clusters of violets," writes Mr. Junius Wood, in the *New York Globe*, "they were artificial flowers which are the only ones to withstand the frost, and the girls laid some on each crude, bare mound. The girls who gave this tender touch were Salvation Army lassies. 'They seem cold compared to the flowers at home, but when the snow is gone we shall come again and plant seeds, which we hope will bloom after we are gone and the war is finished,' said one kneeling at a muddy graveside."

An American Salvation Army woman officer writes: "It is pitiful to see the boys—when we place the real home-made apple pies before them or as they stand looking into the kettle in which we are cooking the doughnuts, tears will come to their eyes, and we know that these are the connecting links, on these bloody fields, between the boys and home." Our women feel that they are doing a service for their God and their country when they are easing the burdens of the war upon the boys.

So close are some of our huts to the firing trenches that they are continually in imminent danger. One night the boys in one of our huts heard a roar and a thud—and went about their work again. The next morning they found that a great 25 centimetre shell had struck less than forty feet from the hut, but failing to explode, had buried itself in the soft earth a dozen feet deep. Had it detonated it would have blown the hut into splinters and the hundreds of men in the hut into eternity.

The gas masks which have been issued to our men and women are brought into use almost every day. A rocket sent up by the watchers in the advanced positions announces the coming of a wave of deadly gas. The watchers in the trenches in the rear sound the signal bells and every man must waken and have his gas mask adjusted within a few seconds or it will be too late. One of our officers said that one night in an advanced dugout he was awakened five times between two and six A. M. by the warning bell and had to protect himself against as many gas attacks.

Our officers are men and women who have been trained to act in emergencies. A correspondent says: "Ensign Helen Purviance, Captain Geneva Ladd, (two Salvation Army women) and I con-

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ducted a meeting which had its unique features. Upon our arrival the Regimental Band was finishing its concert, the band-boys sitting inside the boxing-ring. It occurred to us that it would be a good place for us to sit, so we stepped into the ring, to the amusement of the boys, who had never seen it in this wise before. They quickly crowded around the ring, some sitting and others standing, until fully five hundred men were there. It was a sight not to be forgotten, with the stars shining through the darkness, the occasional flash of signal lights, the whirring of airplanes and the deep notes of some mighty bass singer away there over the hills. It was a treat for the men to listen to a woman preacher in the person of Ensign Purviance. And after the first wave of novelty and amused smiles had passed, we found some of the men with tears on their faces—they were thinking of God and home and mother.” Coming upon the heels of a boxing match and a band concert our officers found that the men turned readily and with real avidity to the things of the soul.

The idea which lies behind the multifold forms of war activity of The Salvation Army may be defined in a single clause: Service, in the name of Christ—always Service.” This idea had driven us to take up forms of service which to many who aim at the great and showy things are trivial and wasteful of time. So far as we can discover no thought was given, at least no effort was made, to help the boys save money until several months ago we made it known to the boys whom we touched that if they cared to save we should provide them with every possible facility. They might deposit their money with our officers at our huts in France, whence it should be forwarded to our National Headquarters at New York and kept on deposit for them. We should also make it easy for them to send money to friends or dependent relatives in the homeland. Many thousands of dollars have thus passed through our hands and many hundreds of letters of gratitude have returned to us.

We must turn aside a moment to note the work of an American Salvation Army officer in Holland, before the United States entered the war.

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Staff-Captain Alice Parker, a Salvation Army officer, of Providence, R. I., married, and as Mrs. Juritsma went to live at the home of her husband at Utrecht, Holland. Then came the war and over from Belgium swarmed the myriads of refugees inundating the little land of dykes. In great haste flimsy buildings were thrown together, but on account of the utter unpreparedness of the country for the emergency there was great suffering among the women and children. Mrs. Juritsma after visiting with other salvationists one of the encampments near her home, returned with her heart fairly broken. She must do something in relief of the great need. The government, appealed to, treated the appeal most kindly but could do nothing further. A letter to General Booth in London brought a large sum of money which, however, was soon exhausted. With the aid of other salvationists under her command and a few secretaries she wrote to all parts of the world accompanying each letter with a train of prayers. Winter was upon them and the need for clothing was imperative. The little bundle she had was pitifully small when 17,000 persons must be clothed. But prayer is a mightily efficient force and with her little bundle of clothing she knelt before her God and said, "Here, Lord, have I 17,000 human forms to clothe and no money and only these few garments. Give me the wisdom and the strength to meet this great need." The prayer was heard. Mrs. Juritsma saw the British and Canadian Consuls. A short time later a ship steamed into Rotterdam harbor with her entire cargo billed to the little Salvationist—Mrs. Juritsma.

We need scarcely say that men of eminence in government and military have taken official cognizance of the work of The Salvation Army on the field. President Wilson, in a letter to Miss Booth said, among other things, "I want to take this opportunity to express my deep admiration for the work that The Salvation Army has done and my sincere hope that it may be fully sustained." Secretary of War Baker endorsed this sentiment when he wrote to Miss Booth, "We are very glad to observe that The Salvation Army is lending its powerful and in many ways unique aid in the general co-operation of the community at large with the military activities of the country. This co-operation is a new thing in the world's history, and the War Department welcomes and is grateful for such

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help as you and your associates can give.” Brigadier-General G. B. Duncan in France said: “The Salvation Army in this its first experience with our troops has stepped very closely into the hearts of the men. Your huts have been open to them at all times. They have been cordially received in a home-like atmosphere, and their many needs provided for in your religious teachings. Your efforts have the honest support of our chaplains. I have talked with many of our soldiers, who are warm in their praise and satisfaction in what is being done for them. For myself, I feel that The Salvation Army has a real place for its activities with our army in France and I offer you and your workers, men and women, good wishes and thanks for what you have done and are doing for our men.”

AMERICAN RED STAR ANIMAL RELIEF

Conducted Under the Auspices of the American Humane Association



THE American Red Star Animal Relief was organized in June, 1916, by the Directors of The American Humane Association to do for the American army animal what the American Red Cross does for the soldier. It was definitely linked with the International Red Star Alliance, organized in Switzerland in 1914, to bring about international co-operation in behalf of sick or wounded animals and to secure the neutralization of those engaged in such work by international agreement.

Dr. William O. Stillman, the originator of the idea in America and President of The American Humane Association, was made Director General of the American Red Star Animal Relief. In order to facilitate the work and to put it on a sound business basis the Directors of The American Humane Association selected an Executive Committee and a War Council. The War Council has supervision of its finances and general policies; the Executive Committee controls its executive and administrative affairs. The personnel of these bodies follows:

War Council: Hon. Alfred Wagstaff, President, American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, New York City; W. Horace Hoskins, Dean, New York State Veterinary College, New York University, New York City; Mr. Ernest L. White, President, New York State Horsemen's Association, Syracuse, N. Y.;

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Samuel McCune Lindsay, Ph.D., LL.D., Professor of Social Legislation in Columbia University, New York City; Col. Anita M. Baldwin, Chairman, Los Angeles Branch American Red Star, Los Angeles, Cal.; Dr. Francis H. Rowley, President, Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Boston, Mass.; Mr. Frank K. Sturgis, Chairman, Jockey Club Breeding Bureau, New York City; Major George F. Chandler, President Army Horse Association and Superintendent of the New York State Constabulary, Albany, N. Y.

Executive Committee: Dr. William O. Stillman, Director-General, Chairman War Council and Executive Committee, Albany, N. Y.; Mr. Albion E. Lang, Vice-President, American Humane Association, New York City; Mr. W. K. Horton, General Manager American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, New York City; Mr. Fred. L. Dutcher, President, Rochester Humane Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Rochester, N. Y.; Mr. F. B. Rutherford, Operative Manager, Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mr. Huntington Smith, Managing Director, Boston Animal Rescue League, Boston, Mass.; Mr. W. F. Crall, President, Norfolk Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Norfolk, Va.

Mr. Edgar McDonald, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Nassau National Bank, Brooklyn, is Treasurer of the American Red Star Animal Relief.

The American Red Star Animal Relief has provided large quantities of unlisted and emergency veterinary supplies for use in the United States Army in response to requests from army officers. Much of this material has been taken abroad with various divisions. General Pershing has accepted six large motor veterinary ambulances from the Red Star for the use of the Veterinary Corps in France. These are being built in England. Each ambulance will carry two sick or injured animals at a time.

More than 120 Branches and Auxiliaries have been organized in various parts of the United States. They are receiving the support of the most representative people and have been able to turn in large sums of money for the work of army animal relief.

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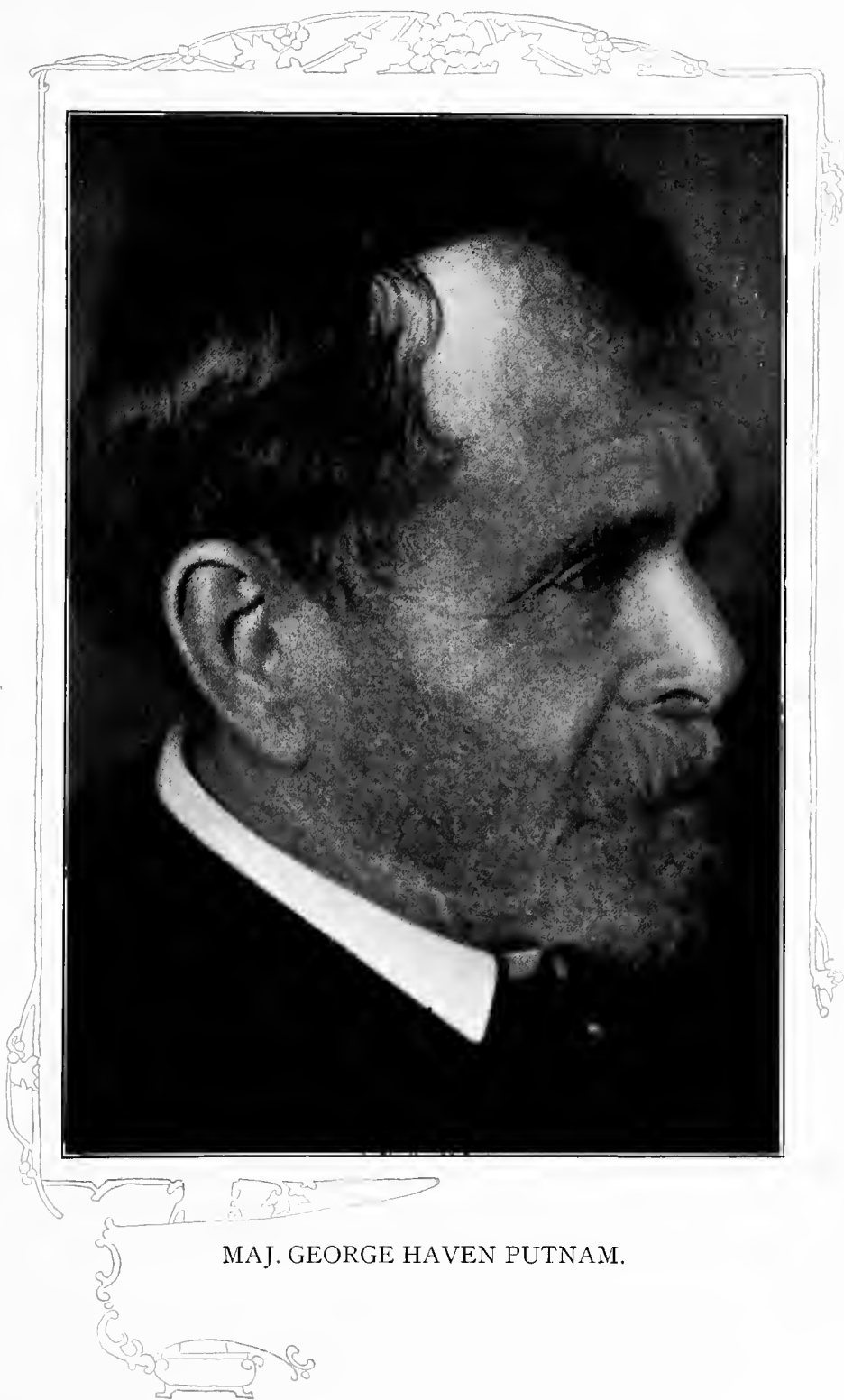
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Marshal Foch, the French military genius, extended greetings to the Knights of Columbus in America and thanked them for the efforts they were making to help the Allied cause.

The strong position that has always been taken by the Knights of Columbus in regard to moral hazards surrounding a young man's life has been recognized and welcomed, giving rise to the firm confidence that the influence of the organization in the camps adds much to their general tone.

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The great armies in our country's service, as has been well said, are made up of men separated from their homes and the social surroundings to which they are accustomed, and no small part of the success achieved in making them as fine as they are is the result of activities of agencies such as the Knights of Columbus, who have been sympathetic and constant in their co-operation with the Government departments, merely competing in service and in no sense starting religious rivalry. The value to the army and to the country of the work which this society, in common with others, is doing has been carefully estimated, and is appreciated very highly.

The Knights of Columbus is an organization with more than 430,000 members in the United States. It has measured up to the gigantic task it accepted when the United States entered the war and in attempting to keep pace in every way with the rapid growth of the American armies here and abroad.

The K. of C. first entered war work during the Spanish-American War when it voted money to aid returning veterans at Montauk Point. When the American Army mobilized along the Mexican border it entered the field on a larger scale and erected a chain of service buildings in New Mexico, Arizona and Texas. The cost of instituting and maintaining this system of recreation halls during the border trouble was met entirely out of the funds of the Order.

When the United States entered this war the Supreme Officers of the Knights of Columbus immediately volunteered its services. The offer was accepted and a fund was raised by taxing every member of the Order. Knights of Columbus secretaries and chaplains became popular almost immediately and it was apparent that a sum much larger than could be raised within the Order would be needed. In the first general appeal issued throughout the United States by the K. of C. a total of \$11,241,529 was obtained.

Knights of Columbus secretaries are now everywhere. They may be found in American training camps and cantonments, on shell-torn fields in Flanders and Picardy, in base hospitals where American wounded are cared for, in Italy, at embarkation points, aboard transports, and at points of debarkation.

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On September 1, 1918, there were 300 workers in France, 450 additional secretaries had been passed by the United States Government and were being sent overseas as rapidly as shipping space could be obtained, and 200 others had been accepted by the Order. This means that there will be 1,000 K. of C. secretaries in Europe within a very short time.

Clubhouses have been erected at points of embarkation in this country and debarkation points in France and seventy-five secretaries have been assigned to permanent duty aboard transports plying between this country and European ports. One hundred secretaries have been ordered to Italy, where ten buildings are being erected.

The Order maintains three buildings in London, a headquarters building in Paris and a total of forty-five permanent buildings throughout France. Others will be erected as they are needed.

When Marshal Foch called the Allied armies from the trenches and strated the big drive toward Berlin the Knights immediately organized to "Follow the Flag." A fleet of big motor trucks was placed in operation to keep pace with the rapidly advancing armies and to provide our soldiers with a real "Service under Fire." Supplies, sent from America, are carried to several points of distribution near the front lines. Here the supplies are loaded onto smaller trucks and are carried directly to the men who are doing the actual fighting.

The motorization of a large part of the organization in France was one of the most important steps taken by the Order's war workers. The trucks carry to the soldiers cigarettes, tobacco, chocolate, writing material, soap and towels, and other articles.

Knights of Columbus clubhouses, huts and tents everywhere are wide open to men of all races, creeds and color. The Order's war workers accept no money for the supplies they distribute in hospitals, in the field, or anywhere else.

In the following stanza from the poem "Knights of Columbus," by Edgar Guest, recently published in the Detroit Free Press, the spirit and mission of this society in its war work seem to be well expressed:

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“They do not ask the faith or creed
Of him that comes into their hut;
True knighthood’s door is never shut
Against a pilgrim warrior’s need.
They question only: ‘Would you rest
And are you weary and oppressed
Then, brother, lay aside your care,
And come, this sheltering roof to share.’ ”

On September 1 the Knights had 468 secretaries in American training camps and cantonments. At these points 150 buildings had been constructed, 56 were under course of construction and contracts had been let for 50 more.

Large amounts of money have been appropriated to develop community service in large cities in the United States. An appropriation of \$300,000 was made to further this work in New York City, \$30,000 was expended in erecting a building in Boston, and \$50,000 for the same purpose in Detroit. In addition a large amount of money has been expended in developing community service for soldiers and sailors in seventy-five additional American cities.

Vast amounts of supplies have been purchased or contracted for by the Order for use of American soldiers and sailors.

The Order believes strongly in the development of athletics and outdoor sports. For this reason scores of men well known in athletics have been sent to American training camps and overseas and large amounts of athletic equipment have been placed. In addition portable shower baths have been installed in huts in France wherever possible. Sports are encouraged, not only to keep the men physically fit, but to occupy their leisure time and keep them interested in clean recreation.

The Knights of Columbus aims to provide social, recreational and educational facilities to all men in the service of our country.

Tons of stationery have been purchased by the Order. Secretaries urge the boys to write home often.

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THE work of this organization is to house, feed and medically care for the soldiers and sailors who are blind, crippled or permanently disabled while they are undergoing their vocational education. The committee will go into any institution undertaking this work and scientifically care for the men, or run outside houses and take them to and from such institutions.

They have had representatives in Europe studying first what these men require, and now have a representative in Washington conferring with the Federal Board of Vocational Education in connection with their future plans for the returning men.

Beside the very best of food the men are given medical care.

Arrangements are being made to run in connection with each large centre a farm from which fresh eggs, milk, cream, chickens, fruit and vegetables can be supplied. They have a one hundred acre place outside of Newburg, at Walkill.

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No public appeal for funds has been made, the expenses being carried by the proceeds of the booth at Hero Land, a dance given by the Automobile Club of America, and several thousand dollars which has been given among themselves.

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IN the great War Relief work carried out by the ladies of this country, many not only gave their effort and money to recognized organizations, but in many instances assumed individual work, such as founding hospitals, establishing canteens, creating clubs for Sailors, and other forms of Relief and Comfort giving undertakings.

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COMMISSION FOR RELIEF IN BELGIUM

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MR. Shaler sought to interest the more influential Americans in London in the Belgian work and, through Mr. Edgar Rickard, an American engineer, he was introduced to Mr. Herbert Hoover, then the leading American engineer in London, who agreed at once to co-operate in every way with the American authorities and the British Government. Mr. Hoover was already conspicuous in relief work, as he had been the organizer and head of a special organization called the American Relief Committee, created in London for the purpose of assisting and repatriating the 150,000 American citizens who found themselves stranded in Europe at the outbreak of the war. His sympathetic and most successful work in looking after the needs of these stranded Americans recommended him as the logical head for the new and greater philanthropic undertaking.

On October 7, 1914, Mr. Hoover introduced Mr. Shaler to Ambassador Page, who, after a discussion decided to cable the Government at Washington outlining the British Government's authorization and suggesting that if the American Government was in accord with the whole matter as far as it had gone, it should secure the approval of the German Government. After a lapse of four or five days, Ambassador Page received a reply from Washington in

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which it was stated that the American Government had taken the matter up with Berlin on October 8th.

After an exchange of telegrams between Brussels, London, Washington and Berlin, Ambassador Page was informed by Mr. Gerard, then American Ambassador in Berlin, that the German Government agreed to the arrangement, and the following day confirmation of this was received from Washington.

The first formal step in organization was taken by Mr. Hoover in enlisting the existing American Relief Committee (whose mission was then complete) in the new undertaking of Belgian relief, and in amalgamating its principal membership with the Americans in Brussels, already active along this line.

Mr. Hoover, in the name of the American Relief Committee, telegraphed an appeal to the American public to consolidate all Belgian relief funds and to place them in the hands of the American Relief Committee for disposal, outlining the situation which had arisen in Belgium.

On October 15th Minister Whitlock cabled an appeal to President Wilson to assist in the relief of Belgium.

It was determined by Ambassador Page and Mr. Hoover that it was desirable to set up a wholly new neutral organization. Mr. Hoover enlisted the support of Messrs. John B. White, Colonel Millard Hunsiker, Edgar Rickard, and Captain J. F. Lucey, all American engineers then in London, and these men together with Messrs. Shaler Hugh Gibson, and Clarence Graff, thereupon organized, and on October 22d formally launched "The American Commission for Relief in Belgium," with Mr. Hoover as its active head, with the title of chairman; Mr. Heineman, as vice-chairman in Brussels; Colonel Hunsiker, as director in London; Captain Lucey, director in Rotterdam; Mr. Shaler, secretary in London; Mr. Hulse, secretary in Brussels; Mr. Graff, treasurer; Mr. White in charge of purchase and transportation; and Mr. Rickard in charge of public appeals. Ambassador Page in London and Ministers Van Dyke and Whitlock in The Hague and Brussels, respectively, were the organization's honorary chairmen.

The American Commission for Relief in Belgium became immediately and vigorously active in the acquirement of food sup-

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plies and the solicitation of public charity. It entered also into organizing relations with representatives from various Belgian towns who arrived in London seeking food for different parts of Belgium. Of these Belgian groups by far the most important was one that arrived in October composed of M. Émile Francqui and Baron Lambert, accompanied by Mr. Gibson. These gentlemen represented the Comité Central of Brussels. Their visit was the special outcome of events that had been taking place in Brussels. Things had been moving there as well as in London.

It had already become obvious that the situation in Belgium was no longer one local to Brussels or to a few of the large cities, but one that involved the entire country and people. All Belgium was crying for help, and more was needed in the way of organization than a series of unconnected provincial, city, or village committees. A national organization was required, and one that could have continuous powerful outside aid.

In October the Brussels Comité Central had held a meeting to consider the establishment of an organization of wider scope and one which should co-operate with the American organization in London. At this meeting Messrs. Francqui and Lambert were delegated to proceed to London to confer with the Americans.

The meeting which took place in London in October between Messrs. Hoover and Francqui was certainly one of the most momentous in the whole history of the Belgian relief work. Both men of large business undertakings and world-wide experience—they had, indeed, met in China several years before under most interesting circumstances—they were able quickly to formulate a basis of organization and even the details and methods of arranging the large financial measures necessary to the operation of the organization.

It was determined that the Comité Central of Brussels should reorganize as a Belgian national committee, with a sub-committee in each of the provinces, and that Americans should be despatched at once to Belgium to act jointly with the National Committee and the various provincial committees. Soon after M. Francqui returned to Brussels, therefore, the Comité Central formally made

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itself over with some changes, into the Comité National de Secours et d'Alimentation.

At nearly the same time the American organization underwent a change of name. It remained, indeed, but four days under its original title. At the urgent suggestion of Minister Whitlock, Senor Don Merry del Val (the Spanish Ambassador in London), and Marqués de Villalobar (the Spanish Minister in Brussels), both of whom had been consulted in the arrangements in Belgium and London, were added to the list of honorary chairmen. A little later, also, there were added the names of Mr. Gerard, the American Ambassador at Berlin; Mr. Sharp, the Ambassador at Paris; and Jongkeer de Weede, the Dutch Minister to the Belgian Government at Le Havre; and the name of the Commission was modified by dropping from it the word "American."

The new organization thus became styled: "The Commission for Relief in Belgium," which has been its official title ever since, although it has been popularly known under various names, as the "Hispano-" or "Spanish-American Commission"; the "Hoover Commission"; and, more commonly, the "American Commission" or, as used by the Germans in Belgium and North France, "Das Amerikanische Hilfs-Comité." The Commission is usually called by its members, with characteristic American brevity, the "C. R. B."; and this name, pronounced, "Tsai-er-bay," is perhaps the one most widely used by Belgians, French, and Germans alike.

The two organizations thus formed and named began to exercise at once that close co-operation which has existed between them all through the work of Belgian relief. The details of their inter-relations, a clear understanding of which is necessary to a comprehension of the whole relief work, will be pointed out subsequently; for the moment we return to the efforts to get the first food supplies from outside into Belgium.

While in London, M. Francqui secured an appropriation of approximately \$500,000 for immediate use from the already existing Belgian Relief Fund. Representations were also made to the Belgian and the British Governments of the necessity for Allied government assistance. Through the aid of the American press representatives in London the new American organization was made

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widely known to the American public, while through the British press it was given strong support throughout the British Empire, so that by October 22d money began to flow in from public charity. In the meantime the British Government decided to grant it an initial subvention of \$500,000.

The Commission has not, as too widely believed in America, obtained all of the \$300,000,000 worth (amounting in quantity to 3 million tons) of food and clothing it has sent into Belgium and North France, by charitable donation from the United States, nor even from the United States plus the rest of the world. Nor has it delivered all this food directly to the 9 1-2 million unfortunate inhabitants of Belgium and North France by the immediate hands of its American volunteer members. The total private charity of the world for the relief of Belgium and North France, put into the hands of the Commission as money or direct donations of food and clothing, has amounted to but \$30,000,000, of which ten millions have come from the United States, and there have never been more than forty American Commission workers at one time in Belgium and Northern France.

But it is also true that all of the many million dollars' worth of money and donations in kind have been obtained and devoted to the relief of Belgium and Northern France at the instance and through the efforts of the Commission; and that all the supplies purchased with the money have been bought by the Commission in the markets of the world in competition with the buyers of all the Allied and neutral Governments and transported by the Commission in hundreds of ships chartered by it across oceans controlled by war-ships, through the Channel strewn with mines and infested by submarines, and finally distributed by canals and railroads and vicin-aux and carts all over 19,500 square miles of territory held in the close grip of a hungry enemy army. And, lastly, it is true that the final getting of this food into the actual mouths of the 9 1-2 million imprisoned people of this territory, by all the elaborate machinery devised to control the adjustment to individual needs and resources; the avoidance of fraud; the minimization of the feeling of shame on the part of persons to whom living on charity was never before, or ever expected to be, within their experience; the special care of the

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children, the aged, and the ill—and all this without the loss of an appreciable fraction of the enormous food supply handled, by shipwreck or capture or seizure by the hungry enemy army, and at a total outlay for overhead expenses of less than one per cent. of the whole moneys handled—all this has been partly the actual work, and partly work done with the immediate collaboration and advice or final control, of the Commission.

There is, indeed, in the face of these two sets of statements of fact, a paradox that needs explaining. Fortunately, it is an explanation neither difficult to make nor hard to understand.

As Belgium depends on imports for half her food supply, including three-fourths of her bread grains, it is obvious that the “relief of Belgium” meant much more than the relief of her poorest inhabitants, the providing by charity of food for her indigent and out-of-work people. It meant as well the making accessible of a sufficient food supply, especially of breadstuffs, for her entire population—rich and poor alike. However much money Baron this or Banker that might have and be willing to pay for food, barons and bankers and everybody else would have to go hungry if there was no food to buy. Or, if there was some food but not enough to go around, the barons and bankers would get it and the rest of the people would starve. There was necessary, then, not only a benevolence (*secours*) for the poor and workless, but a provisioning or revictualling, (*ravitaillement*) of the whole country. The relief of Belgium would have to be, and it actually has been from the beginning, not only the collection and distribution of charity, but the obtaining, importing, and making accessible of such a supply of staple foods, above all breadstuffs, as, added to the limited native food produced, would keep alive the whole population.

It is in this extraordinary necessity that lies the explanation of the fact that although the Commission for Relief in Belgium has sent into Belgium and Northern France 300 million dollars’ worth of food and clothing, it has supplied only 30 million dollars’ worth from money or material received as donations from the outside world. The rest of the great sum necessary for this complete *ravitaillement* of the whole land has come from loans to the Belgian Government by England and France and by the results of the busi-

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ness methods of the Commission in connection with exchange, etc. Yet all of the great sum has been arranged for at the instigation and largely by the efforts of the Commission. Thus is explained the first paradox.

The other paradoxical statement—to the effect that there have never been more than forty American Commission workers at one time in Belgium and Northern France, who obviously could not hand out personally all the 3 million tons of food and clothing to the 9, 1-2 million individuals of the occupied territories, but that nevertheless the distribution of the supplies has been a function of the Commission no less real than the obtaining of the supplies to distribute—is also easily explained.

The explanation lies in the nature of the organization for the interior distribution. The basis of this organization is the existence in each of the nearly 3,000 communes of Belgium and 2,000 of occupied France, of a local committee headed by the burgomaster or maire. These committees control the communal warehouses and issue from them the food on ration both to those who can pay and to those who have been given ration cards paid for from the benevolent fund.

Over these communal committees are imposed regional committees—a region is a larger or smaller group of communes established for convenience—who have charge of regional warehouses from which the communal warehouses are supplied. Over these again are the provincial and district committees, one for each of the nine Belgian provinces—a special one for Brussels and its immediate environs, Greater Brussels—and one for each of the six districts into which the occupied French territory is arbitrarily divided for ravitaillement purposes. These committees have charge of the provincial and district warehouses and mills which are the major centres of distribution. Finally, over these again are the Belgian National Committee (*Comité National Belge de Secours et d'Alimentation*) and the chief French Committee (*Comité d'Alimentation du Nord de la France*).

Associated with this series of communal, regional, provincial, district, and national committees are hundreds of special committees supervising various special lines of benevolent activity and

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more or less closely affiliated with the official series and controlled by it.

The American Commission is independent of all these, but has representatives on the national and provincial committees and many of the special committees, and hands over to these under proper control and continuous supervision the foodstuffs imported. Thus it is that the forty thousand Belgians and ten thousand French men and women provide that host of hands necessary for the detailed distribution of supplies. Under other circumstances the foodstuffs and clothing might well have been simply turned over to the Belgian and French relief organization for it to do with them as it saw best. But the circumstances were not other; they were precisely such as rendered impossible this easy escape by the American Commission from the responsibility of seeing the food and clothing down to the very mouths and backs of the people for whom they were intended.

BELGIAN RELIEF TO-DAY

The impression is widespread that the American part in the relief of Belgium and Northern France ceased with the entrance of our country into the war. This impression is wholly erroneous. The work of the American Commission for Relief in Belgium is going on as importantly and as persistently as ever, with, however, one notable difference. There are, of course, no Americans within Belgium and France to receive and protect the imported food and control its disposition. That part of the work is being performed by Spanish and Dutch neutrals, organized as a special committee for that purpose and working under the patronage, advice, and protection of the Spanish and Dutch Ministers in Brussels, Marqués de Villalobar and Mynheer von Vollenhoven. All the German guarantees for the protection of the food originally given to the C. R. B. and its protecting and patron Ministers have been re-confirmed to the present Dutch committee and its protecting Ministers, and the work inside the occupied territories—both in relation to the Belgian and French committees and all of the people, and to the German Government of Belgium and the German Military Control of Northern France—is going on exactly as when the neutral relief

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workers inside the occupied territory were Americans instead of Spanish and Dutch.

But outside of those territories the whole work still remains in the hands of the American Commission. Its Rotterdam, London, and New York offices and staffs are intact; Mr. Hoover is still its active head; it is buying the food in the markets of the world, chartering its ships and sending them to Rotterdam under its flag and under the same guarantees of safety on the high seas as before. It tranships the cargoes at Rotterdam from the overseas ships into the canal boats, and starts them off for Belgium and Northern France. Only when they reach the borders and pass into the occupied territory do they pass from the control of the American Commission into that of the Hispano-Dutch Committee.

In one feature of the outside work also, there is a difference from the situation as it existed before we entered the war. It is not an important feature from one point of view, although very important from another, but it is one which has had, as a corollary, the interruption by the Commission of its energetic nation-wide propaganda for charity, and hence has withdrawn, to a large extent, the activities of the Commission from before the public eye. Instead of deriving its special subsidies from Great Britain and France as before, the Commission now receives a regular monthly subsidy from the French and Belgian Governments, which subsidies are in turn derived from loans made by the United States to these governments. The sums thus received monthly are \$7,500,000 on account of the Belgian work and \$5,000,000 on account of the work in occupied France. These sums, although less in total than was being spent before the commencement of the unrestricted submarine warfare, in February of this year, have yet been sufficient to pay ships for its work. Under these conditions, therefore, the Commission has not felt justified in calling on the charity of the world for all the food for which the Commission has been able to find cargo space in the face of the swiftly decreasing availability of additional money with which to purchase any food that has to be transported overseas.

On the other hand, the very lessening of the opportunity to use money beyond that provided by the loan of this Government, has

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created a situation within the occupied territories that makes even more urgent the rendering of assistance to many of the special local charities that can use funds within the country for the purchase of local supplies, the payment for labor and building, and the sending of large numbers of weak children to Holland for longer or shorter periods of recuperation. So that a number of the State and local American Committees have continued their devoted efforts to help in these ways, and their charity has done inestimable good.

It is needless to say that the world shortage of food and shipping has made very much more difficult the work of the Commission in its attempts to maintain a sufficient and regular supply of food from overseas. It has, indeed, been such a handicap that ever since last spring it has been impossible for the Commission to maintain the figures of its former regular programme of importations, and the food supply of the unfortunate people within the occupied territories has been materially less during this last year than in either of the previous two years of the enemy occupation. Consequently the ration, already put at what seemed the minimum of safety, has had to be cut, with the inevitable result of an increased suffering. The suffering has revealed itself in the concrete way of a marked increase of illness and deaths.

But the relief of Belgium and France is still going on and the American Commission is as much a part of it as ever, except for the actual presence of Americans inside the occupied territories. And the relief work must go on as long as the war lasts, or, at least, as long as the present conditions of encirclement and isolation of Belgium and Northern France continue. What the Belgians pray for, what they maintain so bravely and nobly their marvellous spirit for, and what the whole world hopes for and a large part of it is fighting for, is that real relief of Belgium which will come only with the driving off from its sacred soil of every grey-coated invader now on it.

When that time comes, and not till then, can the whole story of fighting starvation in Belgium and Northern France be told. And it will be such a story of heroism opposing brutality, of spirit persistent in the face of bodily suffering and mental anguish, of the higher humanness in struggle with the lower, that the world

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emerging from the hideous maelstrom of a final war that marks the end, let us earnestly pray, of all war, will count the experience of Belgium as one of those parts of the terrible trial not entirely without its compensations. The Story of Belgium in the Great War is as truly destined to be as familiar to future generations in their look to history for encouragement and inspiration in the belief that man is more than animal, as it is destined to be familiar to pessimistic searchers for evidences of the persistence of brute instinct in man.

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(Work began in London, Belgium and Rotterdam, October, 1914; in New York, November, 1914; and in Northern France, April, 1915: American representatives were withdrawn from Belgium and Northern France in April, 1917.)

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THE "Secours Franco-Américain pour la France Devastée" was founded in Paris about a year and a half ago, and at the request of the French Government it undertook the rehabilitation of some of the devastated villages of the Somme district, beginning with Peronne and adjacent villages. The French Committee is composed of the following members: Hon. Presidents, Gabriel Honotaux and Mrs. Sharpe; Chairman, Mrs. Chas. Prince (niece of the late Hon. Jos. H. Choate); Vice-President, La Princesse Poggia-Suasa; Secretary, Mme. H. de Sincay; Treasurer, Mrs. Ridgley Carter.

In the autumn of 1917 Mrs. John A. Logan, Jr., was asked to represent this work in America and formed the above named Committee in New York which co-operates with the French Committee in assisting the destitute peasants to return to their villages, at that time evacuated by the enemy; appeals were made for funds—

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a successful concert being held at the Ritz-Carlton on February 21st for that purpose—also appeals for supplies of all kinds,—clothing, bedding, household utensils, tools and agricultural implements. Efforts were made to have villages adopted by cities or individuals, who became God-mothers to their particular village. Several were adopted.

Families were thus enabled to return to their homes and the first fruits of their labor were beginning to appear in the fresh green of their crops when the second invasion by the enemy took place in March of this year. The peasants were once more driven from their homes and became refugees. Hundreds had to be clothed, fed and cared for. The policy of the Franco-Américain was not permanent reconstruction. Temporary relief only was aimed at and no money had been spent upon actual reconstruction of buildings. This is a very important point. The great point being the reclaiming of the land and the getting of French soil under cultivation again.

The Society has now been given a tract of land in the Loire which has enabled it to give the refugees from the Somme temporary homes. Parcels of land being given to the families, necessary tools, implements, cows and chickens, etc., to enable them to start life over again and acquire a few possessions against the time when they can be restored to their own villages.

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The object of the fund is to supplement the Xmas rations of children in Belgium and to make some provision for those who are sick and especially destitute.

WOMEN'S OVERSEAS HOSPITALS, U. S. A.

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE NATIONAL AMERICAN WOMAN
SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

THE support of the Women's Oversea Hospitals, U. S. A., was formally adopted by the National American Woman Suffrage Association at its Annual Convention in Washington, D. C., December, 1917. This called "The Suffrage War Baby," is one of six special war activities to which the 2,000,000 members of the Association have pledged themselves.

The support of the hospitals, assumed at \$125,000 for the first year, was divided on a pro rata basis among the several state associations into which the National American Woman Suffrage Association is divided.

The hospitals, staffed entirely by women, surgeons, physicians, nurses, administrators, chauffeurs and mechanics—even to a plumber and a carpenter—were originally intended for work among the neglected women and children of France. The first unit was offered to the French Government in 1917 and was gratefully accepted by M. Tardieu, French High Commissioner, in the name of his country.

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The original unit has gradually become a regional hospital for the entire Department des Landes. The entire upkeep of the Refugee Unit has been guaranteed by the Woman's Apparel Unit, a division made up of women in the garment trades all over the United States.

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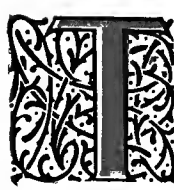


THE Woman's Naval Service, Inc., was primarily organized as a defense organization in 1915 at Washington, D. C. The women preached preparedness and the building of ships. The members did recruiting work until August last when Secretary Daniels closed the Navy to recruits.

The big constructive work has been to establish a permanent Seamen's Club at 81 Sands Street, where from 200 to 300 men are fed at cost price and which maintains billiard tables, hot baths, etc. This club house was formally opened by Admiral Usher and his staff.

Under the inspiration of the Woman's Naval Service, the ex-service men organized, this club, which is to be a nucleus of a chain of clubs from Coast to Coast such as the Mother Western club in England—with the U. S. A. at its head.

FUND FOR OUR WOUNDED ACTORS

HE idea of the above Fund was originated by Mr. Geo. Arliss and endorsed by the Actors' Equity Association. With Mr. Arliss, as chairman of the organizing committee, were, Mr. Charles Cobin, Mr. Frank Mills, Mr. George Nash, and Pedro de Cordoba.

This Fund does not appeal for charity outside of its own profession. It is exclusively for the actor and actress, and works in co-operation with the Stage Woman's War Relief and the Actor's Fund. This is an appeal for Actors and Actresses wounded in the service of their country, for widows and orphans of those who are killed, and for wives and children who are suffering deprivation by reason of their dependence on the necessarily small pay received from the Government.

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Mrs. Caspar Whitney, of Bronxville, N. Y., was the American Secretary in England, and was succeeded by Mrs. John D. Elliott, who recently resigned to join the American Red Cross.

Madame Flora O'Gorman was deputed to collect funds in America to carry on the work in France, together with Mrs. Frank Wright.

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(Incorporated under the Laws of the State of New York.)



HIS Fund assists the wives and families of British and Canadian soldiers who have enlisted from the States of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. Funds are collected from all British people in these states and as far as possible, the fund sees that the families of the men who have gone to the front do not suffer during their absence.

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THE activities of the French Heroes Lafayette Memorial Fund began in the spring of 1916, and the organization came into actual existence under that title in June of the same year. It was an outgrowth of the work conducted by the French periodical known as "La Vie Feminine," published in Paris by Mlle. Valentine Thomson. This work took the form of supporting workshops where women, girls and disabled soldiers, made destitute by war conditions, were given employment so that they might become self-supporting.

Money was also raised for the relief of destitute refugees and for the rehabilitation of parts of France recaptured from the Germans.

The American branch of the French Heroes Fund has contributed toward relief work proper. But its most important work and that which promises to become a permanent contribution to the welfare of the world has been the purchase of the Chateau de Chavaniac Lafayette in Auvergne and the establishment there of a school. In order to better carry on this work, which will grow larger with the years, it was decided to incorporate the French Heroes Fund, and accordingly this action was taken on November 30, 1917.

On December 20th, the members held their first meeting and elected their Board of Directors.

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In addition to the work for the French and Belgian blind, \$100,000.00 has been given for the care of American blinded soldiers to the Red Cross Institute for the Blind, and an Italian Section of the Fund is now under formation. This Organization is a permanent contributor to St. Dunstan's Hostel for the Blind in London, through which the rehabilitation of the British blinded soldiers is accomplished.

The aim of this Fund is to lift the burden of despair from the stricken blinded soldiers and to rescue them from a living death by enabling them to become self-supporting and hopeful members of

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their communities. Toward that end, training schools, workshops, labor exchanges, etc., have been established; blinded soldiers have been re-educated, equipped with tools and raw materials, and returned to their homes with one year's rent paid; blinded and mutilated soldiers have been provided with pensions and cottages, and the following institutions are now in operation:

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Superior and Industrial School for Blinded Officers and Soldiers, Tours.

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THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE OF NEW YORK

By HENRY MacDONALD, Director-General



PASSERS-BY may see affixed to the front of the Hall of Records, facing City Hall Park, a large sign reading: "The Mayor's Committee on National Defense—Army-Navy-Marine Recruiting Station." This legend represents but a small segment of the activities of this great New York City organization. The Mayor's Committee was for a considerable time the only place in America where an applicant could enlist for any branch of war service. The example thus set has been adopted in other cities to the great economy and general usefulness of the Federal Service in connection with the winning of the war.

Previous to this unification of war activities, there were numerous recruiting bureaus throughout Greater New York, operating for distinct and varied purposes. An applicant was compelled to travel long distances, with considerable expenditure of time, energy and money for fares to obtain the information which he now receives at our offices as the result of a single visit. Under this one unified department, represented by the Mayor's Committee, there are now, among others, recruiting departments of the Third Naval District and the Department of the East of the Army, with liaison officers assigned by both departments.

As many as two thousand applicants have been dealt with daily through our recruiting offices alone, but the activities of this bu-



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reau are not confined to the extensive department given over exclusively to this purpose. An active propaganda has been carried on with the general public to reinforce the efforts of local recruiting offices, which oftentimes are handicapped in the matter of placing posters, securing transportation, providing music for parades, arranging patriotic street meetings, rallies, publicity, etc.

That, in brief, is an indication of the wide range of activities carried on by the nearly two score of sub-committees and bureaus making up the general organization of the Mayor's Committee, which owes its existence to the present war. New York is the largest city in the world—its population, according to the last official census being approximately seven millions. It has the most diversified population of any collection of humanity on earth, made up of more than thirty-eight nationalities, with numerous racial sub-divisions.

Several of these groups are represented in Greater New York by a larger number of people than is contained in the largest city in the country from which they derive their origin. The problem of dealing with so large and diversified a population under war conditions is that which the Mayor's Committee on National Defense was formed to handle.

The scheme of organization involved obtaining the co-operation of the most distinguished loyal citizens of the city; dividing this body of men into separate committees, each having a minimum of fifty members, and assigning to each committee specific work; entrusting the management of the main committee and the sub-committees to a single superior committee, and the carrying on of the work of all the directors to the Director-General, assisted by a series of bureaus, each having charge of specific work. Membership on the general committee is by invitation of the Mayor, and its personnel is made up without regard to race, creed, color or party.

The function of the Mayor's Committee is to assist in carrying out the Federal war program in so far as it relates to this city, and to serve as a possible guidance for other cities. Since the reorganization of the Committee, dating from February 1st, 1918, it has been successful in undertaking, outside of its own constructive work of organization, many activities which visualize to the people

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the progress of American military and naval life and the prompt and effective welding of civilian life to war purposes.

In thus giving an object lesson of patriotism, a number of large parades, etc., have been organized. On February 22nd of the present year the Mayor's Committee, at its own expense, transported approximately ten thousand troops from Camp Upton to prove to New Yorkers the wonderful transition of men from civilian life into the United States Army within a few months after their entry upon actual training. The progress of these well disciplined forces along the streets of the city successfully demonstrated the wonderful fulfillment of the military program, and gave to the citizens of New York their first view of the National Army.

Again, on July fourth of this year, the Mayor's Committee carried out one of the largest and most significant demonstrations of loyalty ever held. Approximately 100,000 people, representing the majority of the nations of the world, paraded for about twelve hours in an imposing demonstration of allegiance to America and fidelity of purpose for the winning of the war. They thus proved to the millions of onlookers the welding process which is taking place among our great foreign-born population into fervent and active Americans for the strength and solidarity of this nation.

National Anthem Day was celebrated on September fourteenth by the Mayor's Committee as marking the one hundred and fourth anniversary of the writing of "The Star-Spangled Banner." From the steps of City Hall and from the band-stands of Central Park, Prospect Park, the Battery and other places throughout Greater New York, hundreds of thousands of people were given the opportunity of better familiarizing themselves with the words and sentiments of this noble hymn. Band concerts, patriotic addresses, rendition of the anthem by famous singers, and the distribution of about a million of leaflets containing the text, were part of the propaganda carried through by the Mayor's Committee. Five hundred moving-picture houses were supplied with slides containing the words, and in many theatres prominent singers led the audiences. In churches and schools the same propaganda of patriotism was carried through. It is known that various other cities throughout the country followed the example thus set by New York City.

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Transportation to the amount of six hundred thousand dollars has been saved the Federal and State governments, the Army and Navy and many war organizations, through the elaborate motor corps built up by the transportation bureau of the Mayor's Committee. This department now has a list of ninety thousand owners of pleasure cars, five thousand owners of vans, more than ten thousand trucks of all kinds, and the vehicles of the sight-seeing and taxicab companies. These and other facilities for quick transportation by motor transport are but illustrations of the great scope of the Committee's operations.

As the recognized New York City unit of the Council of National Defense at Washington, the Mayor's Committee is charged with translating the Government program into effective action throughout Greater New York.

Through the Committee on Civic Problems a series of conferences on the establishment of Community Councils was held, and as a result of the final conference at City Hall in June, 1918, a great organization has been launched under related auspices. Another branch of the Committee on Civic Problems is responsible for the introduction of an ordinance dealing with child welfare. This piece of proposed legislation is one of the most important of its kind introduced in New York City for many years.

Fifteen hundred speakers, representing various languages and many points of view, are listed by the Speaker's Bureau. These activities exercise a powerful effect in increasing the loyalty of the immense population of New York City, and are widely commended by war and charitable organizations in general.

By desire of the War Industries Board at Washington, the Committee on Retail Industries of the Mayor's Committee has made effective an agreement on the part of leading merchants to place a limitation upon return privileges and also to conform to one delivery daily over each route. The saving in man-power to the city has thus been greatly increased.

The administrative personnel of the organization is made up as follows:

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Within the activities of the various committees there are combined: Bureaus of Publicity; Employers; Stenography; Accounts; Investigation and Intelligence; Transportation, Telegraph and Mails; Civic Employment; Draft and Recruiting, and the Bureau of Red Cross and Civic Aid.

New York City, by reason of its population, its strategic location and commercial supremacy, is naturally looked to for leadership by other municipalities throughout the country for information and guidance in dealing with civic matters. The scheme of organization of the Mayor's Committee on National Defense embraces all social and economic questions arising not alone during the war but continuing after the war; for the foundations are laid for a permanent work of civic betterment.

CHILDREN OF THE FRONTIER

(Comite Franco-Americain pour la Protection des Enfants de la Frontiere)



HE work of the Comite Franco-Americain was started by Mr. Frederic R. Coudert, of New York, in August, 1914, to rescue a hundred little waifs from the invaded region in the north of France. The children were brought to Paris and placed in the care of Mr. August F. Jacacci, the president of the organization, who, with the assistance of the other members of the French Committee, Mrs. Cooper Hewitt, the Honorary President; Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss, Vice-President; Mr. Arthur Hugh Frazier, Treasurer, and the Countess Pierre De Viel-Castel and Mrs. William H. Hill, established colonies through France to care for the children, who came in continually increasing numbers as the war continued.

The various colonies are supported, some by members of the Committee, the others by donations and by the "marraine" system, whereby individuals in America "adopt" and support a definite child, concerning whom they get reports, and with whom they may establish direct communication. The clothing is made entirely in the United States and shipped to France, and much of the food is sent from the United States.

The Executive Committee never could have accomplished such an amazing amount of work had it not been for the untiring help of these volunteers: Miss Lucinda Bateson, Miss Marjory Cheney, Miss Emily R. Cross, Mrs. William Olmsted, Jr., Mrs. C. T. Owens, Miss Helen L. Russell, Mrs. Frances Shaw, Mrs. Richard P. Strong, Miss Erica Thorpe, Miss Mary C. Brown, Mrs. F. R. Coudert, Mrs. George A. Crocker, Jr., Mrs. R. J. Cross, Mrs. Cutler, Mrs. W.

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NATIONAL AMERICAN COMMITTEE



THE National American Committee of the Polish Victims' Relief Fund is an organization founded in New York by I. J. Paderewski, the celebrated musician, for the purpose of collecting money in the United States for the relief of Polish war victims.

The sum of \$722,922.75 had actually been sent by the Committee to Poland for the relief of war victims and to Siberia, Russia and France for the relief of Polish war refugees, in the shape of cash, clothing and hospital supplies.

For the relief of Polish war refugees in Russia and Siberia money is cabled by the Polish Victims' Relief Fund to Petrograd in care of the American Embassy and is distributed among the sufferers by the Polish Central Relief Committee of Petrograd. For the relief of Polish refugees in France and Switzerland the money is cabled to local Polish relief organizations. For the relief of the population inhabiting the parts of Poland invaded by the Germans and Austrians, all sums of money are cabled in larger amounts to the General Polish Relief Committee in Vevey, Switzerland, founded by Henry Sienkiewicz and I. J. Paderewski. This is done with the full knowledge and sanction of the State Department in Washington, D. C.

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THE name of the fund was changed on October 1st, 1917, to Serbian Aid Fund, which has the official recognition and approval of the Serbian Government, from its previous title of Serbian Hospitals Fund. Since the task of providing for the military and civilian hospitals of the Allies was being so largely undertaken by the American Red Cross, a separate organization for the Serbian hospitals seemed no longer necessary. This, however, was more a change in name than in activity as the work of aiding Serbian families and students begun in 1914 had been steadily carried on.

The Serbian Aid Fund, therefore, determined to make its chief purpose the giving of aid to these destitute Serbian families and students—the appeals from whom were constantly growing more insistent—while still continuing to send medicines and other supplies from time to time upon request of the Medical Department of the Serbian Army.

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Every Allied country is represented by a committee of this Fund, the chairman of which, with the chairman of Home Relief divisions and chairmen of standing committees, with the officers of the organization, form the Executive Committee.

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In Co-operation With the Comitato Lombardo in Milan



A committee has been formed to raise funds for the Italian Soldiers Crippled in War and for the Refugees from the invaded districts of Italy. It is proposed to send the money collected to the National Organization for the benefit of the Combatants Crippled in War founded at Milan in 1915 by Italian women (Comitato Lombardo per i Soldati Mutilati in Guerra). This institution maintains hospitals, provides the crippled soldiers with artificial limbs and puts them in special schools where they are taught to use their new limbs in various trades.

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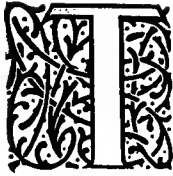
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This club has organized its entire membership into working committees to raise one hundred thousand dollars for the benefit of dependents of Canadian soldiers.

There is a movement by all British organizations in the United States to supplement this Relief with an allowance which will place the families of Canadian soldiers living in America on the same basis as those residing in Canada.

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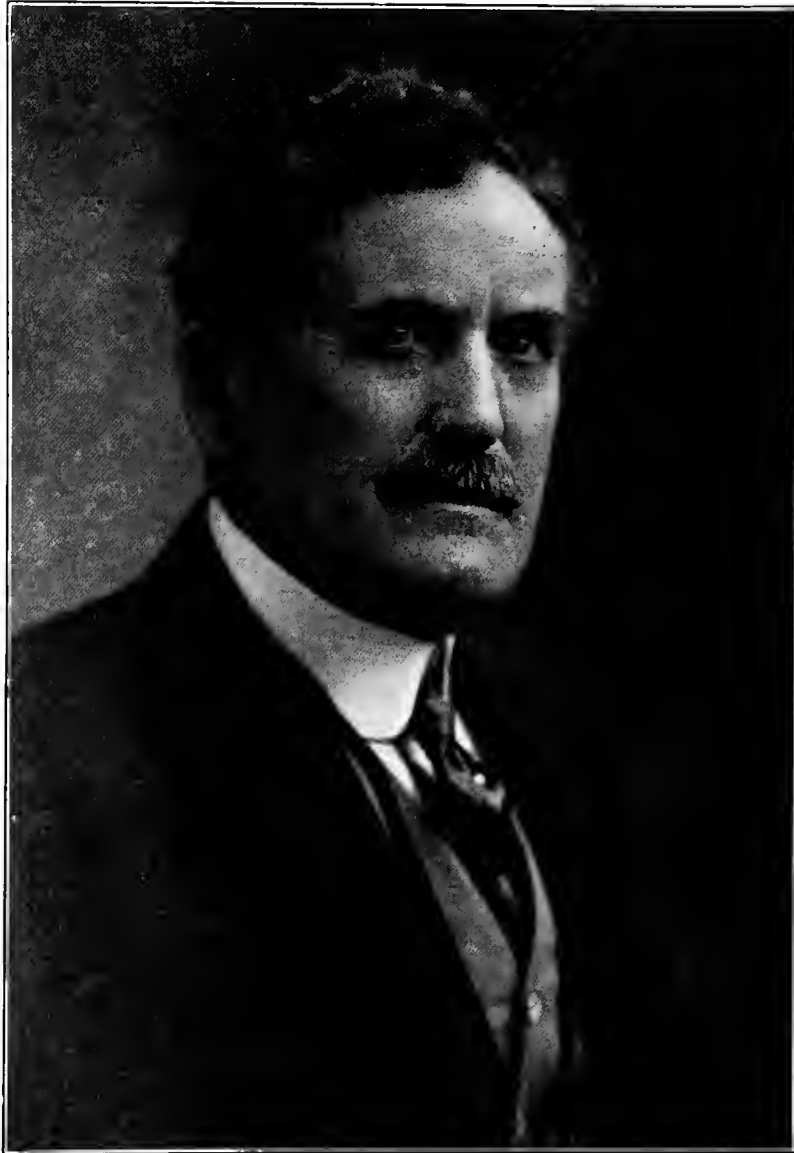
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HIS Bureau was founded by Mlle. Valentine Thomson in Paris to increase the demand in America for French made toys. A permanent agency known as "The French Bureau" was subsequently established, where articles made by the wives, mothers and children of the French soldiers are disposed.

The ultimate object of the Bureau is that America should become the chief market for all that France can produce in the way of toys, games and novelties of all kinds.

Branch shops have been opened in San Francisco and Washington, and others are in contemplation.

GIFTS FOR BELGIAN SOLDIERS

THE Committee was formed in the month of February, 1915. At that time, M. Vandervelde had issued a personal appeal and had obtained, from the King of Belgium, the sum of Frs. 200,000 out of the "Daily Telegraph Fund." It is this fund that is at present called "Gifts for Belgian Soldiers." This Committee is engaged in sending comforts of all descriptions and money to the Belgian Soldiers at the Front.

The Committee also originated the idea of shops for soldiers at the Front, as well as having created a special department named the "Section du Livre du Soldat" for the sending of books and other literature to the soldiers. This department has met with great success.

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HE Patriotic Service League aims to form in every Congressional District an organization to arouse, co-ordinate and direct on the non-military side the patriotic efforts of all citizens of both sexes and of every age so that an early and successful termination of the war may result.

Some present specific duties of the organization are:

The nutrition of children, the economical purchase and use of food in the home and co-operation with the food administration of the Government.

The welfare of soldiers' families should be a neighborhood concern. In co-operation with other relief organizations they will investigate and ascertain where relief is needed; furnish immediate assistance pending Governmental action; in a word, to do all possible to protect these families from unnecessary hardship and need.

Enlistment, conscription and exemptions present neighborhood problems which they can aid in solving.

Work with the Red Cross in all its urgent manifold activities.

Men in training camps and at the front must be provided with amusement and recreation. They will collect reading matter for them. Other methods to this end will later become evident.

The Patriotic Service League knows no distinction of party. Its motto is universal service and its standard the flag.

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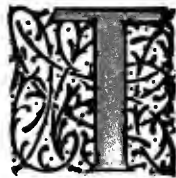
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THE Children's Tin Box Fund is an organization with a systematized method of putting tin boxes in public places and private houses, for the purpose of securing money wherewith to feed children in distress. These boxes are equipped with signs requesting a donation of 3 cents or more, and stating the purpose for which the contributions are collected.

The Children's Tin Box Fund was originated as a scheme to aid the Commission for Relief in Belgium. Its proceeds were sent to that organization for administration, and were to go toward providing the 3c meal given by the Commission at mid-day in the schools, and to assist the work among the children of France. It is, however, not an ephemeral thing, and may be put at the service of children in distress in any land, at any time, by order of its officers.

This fund is, so to speak, the affair of the man in the street; of the working girl; of the hurrying passer by, and of children, whose charity savings are small.

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The \$3,000.00, \$300.00 and the \$3.00 man has been approached, but not the 3 cent man. This scheme gives him his chance to take a part of his country's responsibility upon himself, and in the short time since this Fund began its existence, he has justified its being.

The Children's Tin Box Fund is now administered by its own officers.

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HIS Society was established in September, 1915. The leading spirits in this enterprise are certain French and American ladies, all of whom are profoundly interested in the sad fate of those soldiers of France, who have been killed or wounded, and whose homes were situated somewhere between the battlefields of Flanders, the Marne and the Vosges.

The fate of these men is doubly sad. Their homes are left unto them desolate; their wives and relatives have been dragged away by the invaders, or worse; their children lost; their fields destroyed; and there is no one in the world to take a personal interest in the soldiers from this particular district.

It was the first aim of this Society, necessarily given in a most modest way, but nevertheless having accurate and systematic methods of obtaining information through French sources, to endeavor to alleviate their suffering by sending to these men words of cheer and packages of necessary supplies.

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IN the spring of 1917, the stage women in New York, feeling the theatre should be expressed as a unit in service for the war, held a mass meeting in one of the New York theatres and here inspired by a great ideal, hundreds of actresses pledged themselves to share in the great grim task which has come to this generation.

Apparent to everyone was the need of them as entertainers, both for the boys in the camps and for the hundreds of benefits that were being held all over the country. Less evident to the outsider was the care, when necessary, of the families of theatrical men in service and the need of centralizing their work. With these definite aims, the Stage Women's War Relief was founded. One of the first rules made was that only women connected (in any capacity) with the theatre should be eligible for membership.

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AT the outbreak of the war, the attention of the whole world was turned to the relief of the wounded. A soldier who was ill or even a soldier who was well seemed to call forth sympathy, and relief committees were soon deep in collecting surgical dressings, pajamas, and the hundred and one things necessary to alleviate the suffering among the soldiers. But there was one group of Americans who saw a work that would extend long after the war; this committee, formed under the very efficient leadership of Mrs. Whitney Warren, was for relieving non-combatant sufferers from the war.

The society was formed under the name of the Secours National, and, though it is managed by representatives of political as well as religious organizations, proceeds upon a strictly non-partisan basis. It provides immediate relief for the inhabitants of the places destroyed by the enemy; it provides funds for the reconstruction of their homes; it maintains workshops for the unemployed; it supports shelters and restaurants for French and Belgian refugees; it makes provisions for the care of orphaned or lost children, and of old people, and assists in the relief of the thousands of civilians made prisoners by the Germans. These people, after many months of imprisonment, are often sent back through Switzerland in the most lamentable condition. The special purpose of

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the New York Committee of the Secours National is to relieve the destitution of French women and children and Belgian refugees.

The organization came into existence on September 24th, 1914.

Some of the members of the Committee, who are particularly gifted, have been able to give considerable help. Mr. Charles Dana Gibson, the well-known pen and ink artist, made a sketch for the Committee. It is a drawing of a little French boy, in tattered clothes, standing among the ruins of what was his home with smoke from the smouldering ruins rising all about him. His heroic child's determination to bear what he cannot prevent is expressed in the rigid little form and clenched fist. To accompany the drawing, the late Richard Harding Davis wrote an appeal to the American people to give aid to the women and children. The drawing and appeal were the means of obtaining a great many contributions.

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As the war continued, it became evident that the need, as well as our privilege, would be to help mothers whose financial resources had been greatly reduced, to provide an education for their girls and boys, such as these were entitled to, by birth and traditions, and such as their father would have provided for them had he lived.

It was this new feature, of simple direct help without publicity, that appealed to the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Mygatt, and when they returned to France in October, 1916, the work of the American Ouvroir Funds was undertaken by the present chairman.

The plan has been to provide for a definite child a regular quarterly or yearly amount under the name of "marrainage" or adoption, entailing no legal obligation and to be terminated at will with three months' notice, the amount provided to be determined by the child's age, by the position of the family before the father's death, and by the annual cost of education to which the child is entitled by

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WAR CAMP COMMUNITY SERVICE

WHAT WAR CAMP COMMUNITY SERVICE DOES



THROUGH the fathers and mothers, the children and all others in the communities adjacent to our great training camps, cantonments and naval stations, War Camp Community Service does for the men in uniform who go on leave to these cities, towns and villages, what each father and mother in America wants done for his or her own son.

The homes, churches, lodges, business organizations and special club houses and community houses built and maintained by the Service, are the means through which those who remain at home are enabled to show our soldiers and sailors in personal and human ways that the nation individually and as a whole is behind them.

The effect of the work of War Camp Community Service is to create and maintain *morale*. And it is *morale* that is winning the war!

WAR CAMP COMMUNITY SERVICE IS OFFICIAL

War Camp Community Service is not a private, or even a semi-public organization. It is an official organization of the United States Government under the Commissions on Training Camp Activities of the War and Navy Departments.

The War Department Commission on Training Camp Activities was appointed by Secretary Newton D. Baker in April, 1917. The Navy Department Commission on Training Camp Activities

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was established by Secretary Josephus Daniels three months later. Raymond B. Fosdick was appointed Chairman of both.

These Commissions called on the Playground and Recreation Association of America to carry on their work in the communities outside and adjoining the camps under the official name of War Camp Community Service.

The Playground and Recreation Association of America had had years of experience in carrying on the sort of work it was called upon to perform—to provide clean, wholesome amusement and recreation, and to substitute things that are good for things that are bad.

HOW WAR CAMP COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKS

War Camp Community Service proceeded to the task of organizing as fast as possible the communities in which it was thus called upon by the Commission to work. But “organizing a community” is an impossible and incomprehensible expression without an explanation of what it means.

It means, in the typical community of Norfolk, Va., for instance, that an executive committee, consisting of prominent citizens of diversified interests, was formed by the representative of War Camp Community Service in that city. This committee has general charge and responsibility for the entire work in Norfolk.

Next, a Home Hospitality Committee was formed to secure home entertainment for the men in the service and to see that every home in Norfolk, as far as possible, is open to men in uniform. Then a Service Club Committee was formed to conduct the War Camp Community Service Club. The Liberty Sings Committee was next appointed to teach soldiers and civilians to sing together.

One of the most important of the innumerable other committees was the Rooming Bureau Committee whose duty it is to provide clean, respectable lodgings at inexpensive rates to our men in uniform and their visiting friends and relatives.

Other committees in Norfolk are the Visiting Entertainment Committee, the Books and Magazines Committee, the School En-



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tertainment Committee, the Church Entertainment Committee, the Men's Social Club Entertainment Committee, the Woman's Social Club Entertainment Committee, the Committee on Newspapers for Sailors, the Legal Aid Committee, the Committee on Athletics, the Commercial Relations Committee, the Fraternal Entertainment Committee, the Committee on Entertainment of Our Allies, the Girls' Employment Committee, the Girls' Activities Committee, the Motor Service Committee, the Public Comfort Stations Committee, the Finance and Budget Committee, the Committee on Social Entertainments in the Armory, the Distinguished Visitors Committee, the Preparatory School Committee, the Bathing Facilities Committee, the Officers' Club and Family Hotel Committee, the Film Service Committee, the Committee on Entertainment for Negroes, the Committee on Recreation for Industrial Workers, the Committee on Information which conducts the information booths, and the Union Services Committee which arranges for joint religious meetings.

To each one of these committees was assigned definite tasks, and with the completion of their organization Norfolk may be said to be fairly well organized.

Through the efforts of War Camp Community Service cities are opening their parks, playgrounds, athletic fields and swimming facilities to our fighting men; they are providing many forms of entertainment,—organ recitals, band concerts, municipal receptions, pageants, parades and festivals; and they are exercising closer supervision over their commercial amusements such as moving picture houses and dance halls.

Churches are taking special responsibility for hospitality on Sunday afternoons and evenings, and, with many other organizations, are giving parties and receptions, carefully chaperoned, at which the men of our new armies meet girls and older women. Information booths are established, and directories to the better recreational resources of the communities are distributed; cafeterias are maintained, flowers are sent to the hospitals, soldiers are protected from exploitation, and lodgings are found for their wives and families.

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Without any hard and fast rules or precedents War Camp Community Service has done whatever seemed best at the time, wherever most needed.

War Camp Community Service is the people of America working together to surround the camps with hospitality, to make our soldiers feel that the best we have is none too good for those who go to fight for America and for the World. It is a work of the people, carried on by the people, for the people's sons and brothers in the war.

The Honorary President of War Camp Community Service is the Hon. Theodore Roosevelt. The other administrative officers are: President, Joseph Lee; Vice-Presidents, William Kent and Robert Garrett; Treasurer, Gustavus T. Kirby; Secretary, H. S. Braucher. The actual administration of funds is in the hands of a Budget Committee consisting of the Hon. Myron T. Herrick, ex-Governor of Ohio and former Ambassador to France; Horace E. Andrews, capitalist and railroad president; Clarence M. Clark, of E. W. Clark & Co., of Philadelphia; Charles D. Norton, vice-president of the First National Bank of New York; Henry W. DeForest, lawyer and philanthropist, and Joseph Lee, president of War Camp Community Service. This committee considers and approves every apportionment and disbursement of funds.

WHAT IS SAID OF WAR CAMP COMMUNITY SERVICE

President Wilson has called War Camp Community Service "a military and social necessity," and Secretary Daniels has written that "Such a service cannot help but play a large part in winning the war." Major-General Leonard Wood, who is in position to see the effects of the work from the army *morale* viewpoint, has said:

"As one responsible for the well-being and comfort as well as the training and preparation for war of some 50,000 men now in camp, and a much larger number who have passed through it, I want to express my appreciation of what the War Camp Community Service is doing. Your great work has been outside the camps and cantonments and has reached the men when beyond our aid and influence. I feel sure that when the public understands what your work really means, you will receive the strongest kind of support."

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Hundreds of others in positions of importance in governmental, business and philanthropic circles have endorsed the W. C. C. S. quite as cordially, and thousands of letters from men in uniform have testified to their appreciation of the Service. Civilians and soldiers alike agree that the organization is doing a work of inestimable value.

The widespread and diversified entertainment, the zealous protection, the wholesome hospitalities of War Camp Community Service have been instrumental in establishing an unconquerable *morale* in our soldiers, sailors and marines.

And *morale* is winning the war!

THE POLISH CHILDREN'S RELIEF FUND OF THE WOMEN'S LEAGUE IN POLAND

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THE League of Polish Women is one of the largest women's organizations in Poland, comprising hundreds of thousands of members of all strata of society. It is probably the most democratic organization in Poland, and in it are enrolled women of aristocratic birth as well as peasants. The League has manifold aims and one of its special branches of work is the care and relief of orphaned children. It is for the "Board of Guardians for the Children Victims of the War" that money is being collected to be distributed among the homeless and starving children of Poland.

The Polish Women in America have grouped themselves into a similar League and are collecting money for the children. Mrs. Herbert L. Satterlee has very kindly consented to act as Treasurer of the Polish Children's Relief Fund, to which all money collected by the Polish Women's League, as well as any other donations, are sent.

The Women's Leagues formed during the war in the Kingdom of Poland and in Galicia have jointly organized a Board of Guardians for the children war victims, with the following program:

1. To gather information about the little orphans and semi-orphans.

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2. To bring back Polish children who live dispersed in foreign lands and who are threatened with denationalization.

3. To establish institutions for dispensing immediate relief in the form of milk, clothing and fuel.

4. To establish homes for widowed women with children, and to build orphanages where children can be brought up under proper physical and moral guidance, and where vocational training will be provided to fit them for remunerative occupation after they leave the institution.

5. To organize control over all forms of care given to the youthful victims of the war.

The Board of Guardians has taken upon its shoulders a tremendous task. The Polish nation will do all in its power to help to accomplish it, as it well realizes that this must be done.

THE CIRCLE FOR NEGRO WAR RELIEF, INC.



HE Circle for Negro War Relief is working to buy as many ambulances as possible to present to the Government for the use of the colored troops. The Units will continue to do local relief work such as making knitted garments, furnishing smokes and literature, maintaining canteens and caring for dependent families.

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WHAT THE Y. W. C. A. DOES

The immediate protection and assistance of women and girls affected by the war is the task undertaken by the Young Women's Christian Association. All the resources of the society, its fifty years' experience with girls, and the co-operation of more than a thousand Associations from the Atlantic to the Pacific are directed toward this end.

The general lines followed in this emergency work are Hostess Houses in the camps, emergency housing for employed girls, foreign community work among women who cannot speak English, work in colored communities affected by the war, and extended recreational work among girls in the vicinity of the cantonments.

Five hundred and eighty-one association workers are employed on war work in the United States. They are social workers, both white and colored, club and recreation leaders, physical directors, dietitians, business women, household and employment experts, educationalists, and physicians. Association members now number 361,320.

From the beginning the War Work Council planned to include not only American women affected by the war, but because of the

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pleas from France and Russia, the first budget contained an item for work in Europe. Administrative, industrial and recreational secretaries were sent to place their experience at the disposal of the Russian women. In France the activities have fallen into two general divisions—social work among American war relief workers and co-operation with French women in work for their own people. The object, in France as in Russia, is to co-operate with the women of these countries developing such phases of social service for women as will meet war conditions, and at the same time become permanent foundations for future work.

Hotel Petrograd has been opened in Paris, for American women war relief workers, at 33 rue Caumartin. Another hostess house has been opened at Tours. A room in each recreation hut, for nurses established at all the American base hospitals, is provided with a Y. W. C. A. social worker. Three hostess houses to lodge the American Signal Corps women have been organized at the request of Army officials.

The Foyers des Alliees are recreation centers for French munition women workers, for women otherwise employed by the French government, and for French women, established by the American Y. W. C. A. at the request of the French Government.

The War Work Council, now numbering a hundred and thirty are chosen from the whole United States. Its officers are: Mrs. James Stewart Cushman, Chairman; Mrs. John R. Mott and Mrs. William Adams Brown, Vice-Chairmen; Mrs. Howard Morse, Secretary, and Mrs. Henry P. Davison, Treasurer. Among other members are: Mrs. Robert Lansing, Mrs. Josephus Daniels, Mrs. Leonard Wood, Mrs. John French, Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, Miss Mary E. Woolley, Mrs. Robert Bacon.

AMERICAN FUND FOR FRENCH WOUNDED

THE American Fund for French Wounded was organized in 1915 by a number of American women residing abroad who had, since the outbreak of the war, secured and sent to the hospitals of Normandy and Brittany large quantities of hospital supplies through the English Committee called the "French Wounded Emergency Fund," now known as, "The French War Emergency Fund." Among these women were, Mrs. Alfred Partridge Klots, Mrs. Benjamin Girault Lathrop, Mrs. de Neuville-Floyd, Mrs. Romilly Fedden, Hon. Mrs. West, and Miss Anna Murray Vail. The distributing service in France was then organized by Mrs. Klots, Miss Daisey Polk (later connected with the Belgian Relief Commission), and Mr. William Law Stout, at the Château de Rochefort-en-terre as the first distributing depot.

In the Spring of 1915, the first American committee was formed in New York, through the efforts of Mrs. Ethelbert Nevin, assisted by Miss Ann Morgan as Treasurer. Miss Elizabeth Scarborough, Mrs. Schuyler Van Rensselaer, Mrs. Charles M. Chapin and several others. Simultaneously, committees were formed in Baltimore, Boston, Chicago and San Francisco. With the assistance of Mr. Harold Goad, the formation of branch committees throughout the United States was begun. In November, 1915, the various American committees formerly associated with the French Wounded Emergency Fund withdrew and formed an independent organization under the name of American Fund for French Wounded, and at the same time a Paris

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Depot was organized for the receipt and distribution of American supplies and funds, with Mrs. Lathrop as Chairman and Miss Vail as Treasurer.

The main Branches of the Fund are:

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Each committee maintains a Workroom for the manufacture of hospital supplies and garments for refugees, which are made entirely by volunteers.

The following are the principal activities of the American Fund in France: (1) distributing hospital supplies to over four thousand French military hospitals; (2) supporting dispensaries and vestiaires for wounded and sick civilians and refugees, and (3) doing every kind of emergency work to relieve the suffering in France.

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CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR THE RELIEF OF JEWS SUFFERING THROUGH THE WAR

IS the only one of the three committees which raise money for the war sufferers, which reserves its activities for the Orthodox Jews, and is the only agency that will collect money in the synagogues, the other two committees having decided to leave the Central Committee in sole charge of this work.

An appeal has been made certain in all Synagogues from Northern Canada to the Argentine.

The initiative in relief came from the Orthodox Jews in America, they having organized the Central Relief Committee headed by prominent leaders.

Mr. Leon Kamaiky, Harry Fischel, Rabbi Israel Rosenberg, Rabbi Meyer Berlin, Peter Wiernik, Julius J. Dukas, Albert Lucas, Morris Engelman, Rabbi Aaron Teitelbaum and Stanley Bero were among the first to appeal for aid.

It was through the efforts of the Central Relief Committee that the Jewish Proclamation Day was named by President Wilson on January 27, 1918. It was due to the efforts of the Central Relief Committee that later the "Week of Mercy" was inaugurated throughout the length and breadth of this country. Through these two undertakings, thoroughly organized, hundreds of thousands of dollars were raised, not alone by the Central Relief Committee, but by the two other existing committees. The Central Relief Com-

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mittee has at the present time over two thousand branches throughout the different cities of the United States, and is in touch with several thousand smaller towns.

Over \$3,000,000 has been raised by the Central Relief Committee.

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NATIONAL AMERICANIZATION COMMITTEE



THE National Americanization Committee is an organization of fifty-nine citizens from all the various parts of the country, representing many different interests in American life.

WHY THE COMMITTEE WAS FORMED

ORIGIN.—The Committee was formed in May, 1915, to promote a nationwide movement to bring American citizens, foreign born and native alike, together on our national Independence Day to celebrate the common privileges and define the common loyalties of all Americans, wherever born. As a result of the Americanization movement thus begun, 106 cities held citizenship receptions in connection with their Fourth of July celebrations.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.—The result was an increased interest in citizenship and a clearer understanding of the national importance of the assimilation of our immigrant population in many communities in all parts of the country. The Committee received many requests for information and assistance in the work of Americanization from different sources and sections. It found that although many governmental departments, organizations and industries have for years been carrying on the work of Americanization in their different lines, no government department or private body has carried on this work, in all its aspects, as a national task. The Committee hopes to correlate the efforts of the agencies in the country concerned with Americanization, for National Citizenship Service.

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BRITISH WAR RELIEF ASSOCIATION, INC.



AS a house is strong largely by reason of its solid foundation, so the British War Relief Association, Incorporated, is strong and effective by reason of the character of its president, Major Louis Livingston Seaman, whose vital sympathy for the war sufferers in invaded Belgium and France has charged and spurred its members to the accomplishment of great works, unsurpassed by any of the splendid organizations which have sprung up to meet the unparalleled demands of the greatest war in the history of the world.

Prolific writer, world traveller, physician, president Emeritus of the China Society in America, and president of the Surgeons' Travel Club, member of the University and Authors' Clubs of New York, and of numerous Royal Societies abroad, Major Seaman took passage for Belgium immediately upon the declaration of war by England, realizing that the great conflict which, for years had been preparing, was about to begin. He was the first American in the trenches. Associated with Mr. Richard Norton, Major Seaman was one of the group which founded (beginning with six cars contributed by a group of London philanthropists) the Anglo-American Ambulance, afterward known as the Norton-Harjes Ambulance Corps, which eventually increased its stock to two hundred cars, and later was absorbed by the Red Cross.

It was during this period among the wounded in the trenches that Major Seaman, at that time vice-president of the Peace and Arbitration League of the United States, cabled his historic appeal to the President, at Washington, begging him in the name of

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Humanity and Justice, to protest against the awful deeds he was witnessing. Major Seaman had participated in eight wars, including the Spanish-American, Philippine, Boxer and Russo-Japanese conflicts, the Zulu War, and that in the Balkans in 1913. What he looked upon in Belgium, in 1914, he cabled, was not War, but Murder. Failing to secure the official protest he had hoped for, and broken in health after the Battle of the Marne, Major Seaman returned to the United States for recuperation, and, while in Florida, was invited to become the president of the then very young British War Relief Association.

The work was founded early in the autumn of 1914 by a group of British residents in America, which included Mrs. Percy William Darbyshire, Mrs. Forbes Robertson Hale, Mrs. Oliver Herford and others, its president during the formative weeks being Mrs. Hale. From the date of Major Seaman's acceptance of the presidency, which carried with it the assurance of invaluable personal activity and knowledge of the work to accomplish which the organization had been formed, the British War Relief Association, Inc., has continued to grow, to give and to work indefatigably towards supplying necessities to the hospital groups on the various war fronts, acting, sometimes, independently in the distribution of its gifts, but, more often, in conjunction with Relief Organizations abroad from which appeals had come for aid.

Formed primarily for the assistance of the British sufferers, the organization has extended its gifts to the needy of Britain's Allies wherever the call has been made upon them. No more active centre of War Relief has existed in America than that of the Association at 542 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Here, in the great airy loft loaned for the duration of the war by a generous sympathizer of the Association, Mr. Joseph T. Tower (a gift equivalent to an annual donation of \$8,000), there has been an average daily attendance of sixty members who have met to work at bandage-making, knitting, sewing, sorting, packing and marking of the great cases, of which in the neighborhood of two hundred each month have been sent abroad. The average daily output of these volunteer workers has been fifteen hundred surgical dressings (con-

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suming about four hundred yards of gauze), in addition to numbers of hospital garments, pneumonia jackets, pajamas, and articles made to meet special requirements, according to requests received.

The Association has sent over seas upward of eight thousand cases of these and similar supplies, and, in addition, has provided useful clothing, including socks and sweaters, etc., to British sailors sojourning in New York.

A system of annual dues, fixed at a low figure, so that all might feel themselves to be a structural part of the organization, has largely supported the running expenses of the organization, to which, however, many generous gifts of money have been made. Mrs. Isaac L. Rice has contributed, for the purchase of anaesthetics, \$6,000 annually, in monthly payments of \$500 each. Another gentle donor contributed her check for \$15,000, on condition that the Association would devote it to a distinctly militant purpose. There was a little doubt in the president's mind, at first, as to how far an Association formed for aid to the wounded and for hospital needs generally, would act upon this generous offer; but, being a physician, he was able to argue that the treatment of the sick might be undertaken in two ways, first, the preventive, and second, the curative. It was decided that a "tank" which would prove effective as a preventive in driving off those who might wound or kill the men of the Allies, was distinctly a form of War Relief, and, after consultation with the British Government, the gift was gratefully accepted. The brilliant records of this "tank" which made its maiden voyage of "War Relief" on July 4, 1918, have been sent to the Association, and are among its most prized possessions.

Twice during his presidency, Major Seaman has toured the camps and hospitals of France, England and Belgium to report upon conditions and needs there, visiting Verdun and Rheims among other points of unusual interest to war workers. Thanks to this personal oversight and direction, the Association has been enabled to send wisely the right thing to the right place. In one instance this has taken the form of a shipment of rubber gloves

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to the corps of brilliant surgeons performing their miracles of reconstruction of human bodies under the leadership of Dr. Alexis Carrel, at Compiègne.

Among the organizations abroad which have been the recipients of benefactions from the British War Relief Association, Inc., are the British, French and Belgian Red Cross; le Service de Santae, at Rouen, France; the Italian, British, French and American hospitals; the American Ambulance at Neuilly; the American Fund for French Wounded; the American Women's War Relief, in London; the British Distributing Headquarters, at Chelsea. A shipment of more than two thousand cases of surgical dressings was sent also to Queen Mary, for the wounded soldiers of England.

The British War Relief Association was the first to send aid in money form to Halifax, telegraphing \$5,000 to the Mayor of that city immediately after the terrible wreckage in its harbor. The same evening 25 cases of dressings and of clothing were despatched by the Association by the first Red Cross train to hurry to the stricken city.

The officers of the Association are elected annually. Those now serving (in 1919) are:

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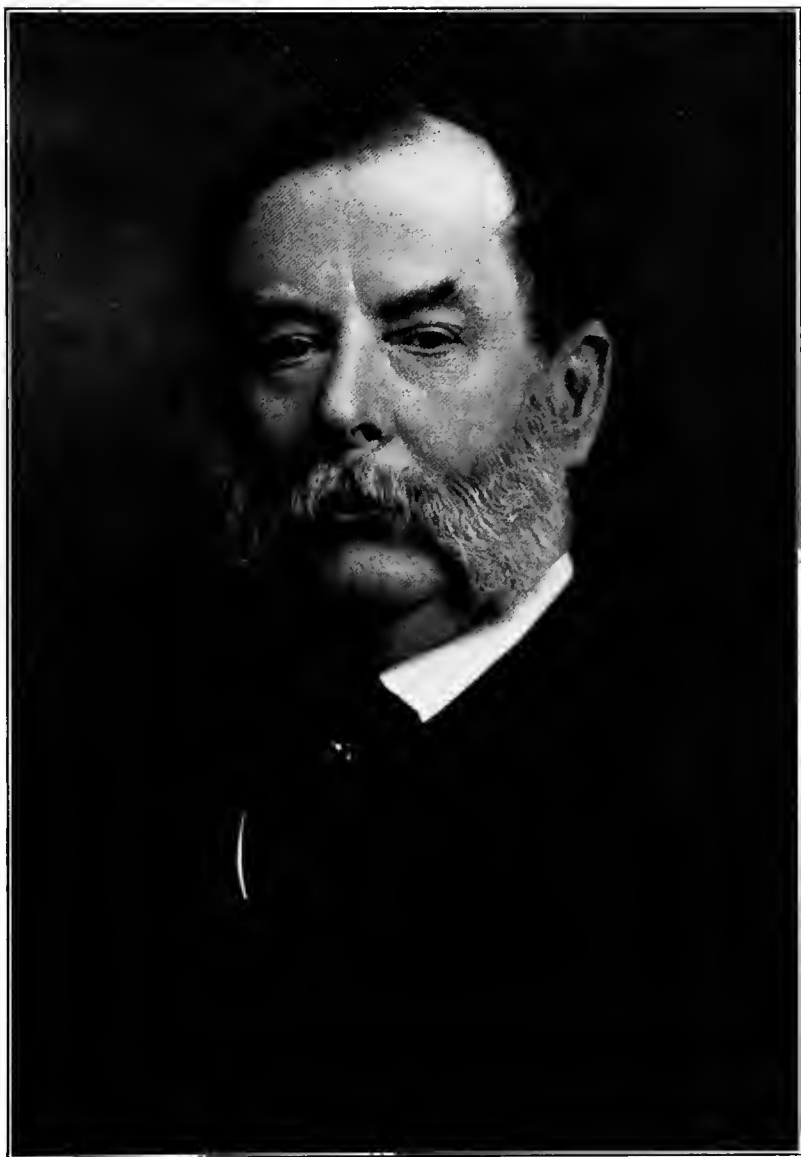
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At that time, however, these squads of ambulances, being generally in groups of only about five, were inadequate in size to stand independently and were, therefore, attached by the French Government to other existing services in the rear of the Army Zone. In April, 1915, through the effort of A. Piatt Andrew, who had then become Inspector of Field Service, the French military authorities made a place for the American Ambulance Sections at the front line, on trial. Ten ambulances were sent to the Vosges, and as their personnel was of the finest type obtainable, the French commanding officer under whom they served soon asked that they be increased by ten cars so as to form a Sanitary Section. This request was promptly complied with, and in the same month a section of twenty cars was formed and stationed in the much bombarded

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town of Pont-a-Mousson, Lorraine. At the same time two squads of five cars each which had been working at Dunkirk were re-inforced by ten more and a section sent to the French front in Belgium. These three groups were really the beginning of the work of the Field Service.

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Now that the Service has fulfilled its purpose, it seems fair to make brief mention here of its achievements, and of its honors—nearly all won prior to the entry of the United States into the war. It has served with the French Armies since the beginning of the war in all the great campaigns, the Marne, the Yser, the Aisne, on the Somme, in Champagne, in the Argonne, at Verdun, in the Woevre, in Lorraine, Alsace, and in Saloniki. It has had nearly twelve hundred ambulances given by American citizens. Nearly three thousand Americans have been in its service, nineteen hundred and sixty-eight of these being college graduates or students, representing one hundred American colleges and universities. All of these men have served without pay. They have carried more than five hundred thousand wounded. The French Government has more than forty times cited the Sections and Section Leaders for distinguished service; has conferred upon over 241 drivers the Croix de Guerre for special acts of bravery; upon four, the Medaille Militaire, the highest honor for military valor in France; and upon its leader, the Cross of the Legion of Honor.

The taking over of the Field Service by the United States Army was not only desirable, but for several reasons inevitable. Our declaration of war and the subsequent preparations for sending over our expeditionary force, which involved strict draft regulations, had placed members of a volunteer organization at the front

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in a technically ambiguous position. While the record and standing of our ambulance drivers with the French Army was of the highest order, as the honors and citations conferred upon them testify, it was obvious that such service as they had undertaken through inclination, had suddenly become an obligation. The changed circumstances made many hundred of our men feel that having fulfilled the original spirit of their intention they were now free to enlist as they chose. During the past few months a large number of our members have entered Artillery, Aviation, or other branches of the army. Unfortunately, a few of our best men, with highly creditable records and long experience, who were anxious to enlist for the duration of the war, were rejected on account of slight physical defect. More than sixty per cent., however, have chosen to remain, and have been accepted as members of the Ambulance.

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WAR WORK OF THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION (October, 1918)



HE Rockefeller Foundation has taken part in relief and other war work since the very beginning of the war. Its help has been chiefly:

1. Relief for the war stricken peoples;
2. Advance in war medicine, surgery, public health;
3. Welfare of American soldiers and allied nations.

The Foundation is at present maintaining a Commission for the Prevention of Tuberculosis in France. This is an item of the general public health program which the Foundation is carrying out in many lands under the direction of its International Health Board as well as an effort to aid and relieve our Ally, France. The Foundation is also supporting research and demonstration in modern war medicine and surgery both in America and in France. In

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the other fields it is not maintaining its own agencies but is merging its funds with those of the American Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A., the Knights of Columbus, and other agencies working to improve the leisure time of the American and Allied troops.

Total payments and present outstanding appropriations of the Foundation for war work from August, 1914, to September 1, 1918, exceed sixteen million dollars, amounting in total to \$16,060,-105.97.

At the outbreak of the war in 1914 and during the early years before the entrance of America into the conflict, the Rockefeller Foundation administered war relief in many countries. On August 13, 1914, less than two weeks after the outbreak of the war, the Foundation made an appropriation which made possible the work of Dr. Alexis Carrel in studying and demonstrating methods of war surgery which have resulted in definite advances in this field. In September, 1914, before the Commission for Relief in Belgium had been organized in this country, the Foundation chartered and loaded three ships with food for Belgium, started them to Europe, and on their arrival turned over the provisions to the Commission for Relief in Belgium for distribution, thus making possible the very substantial beginnings of relief work at a time when the people of Belgium were suffering acutely from food shortage and threatened starvation.

From 1914 until the entrance of America into the war the Foundation maintained a War Relief Commission which with headquarters in Berne, Switzerland, assisted in the work of relief in Belgium, France, Poland, Serbia and the Near East. Up to April, 1917, this Commission had: (1) aided civilians in Belgium; (2) established homes in Switzerland for Belgian children; (3) provided stipends for certain Belgian professors exiled in England; (4) co-operated with the Red Cross in Serbia; (5) co-operated with the Y. M. C. A. in aiding prisoners of war; (6) distributed condensed milk to Polish children; (7) through the committee on Armenian and Syrian Relief aided war sufferers in Armenia and Palestine; (8) subsidized a research hospital under Dr. Alexis Carrel in France; (9) conducted a tuberculosis survey in France; (10) made a small contribution to the International Red Cross in Switzerland.

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When the United States entered the war and the War Council of the American Red Cross was appointed and proceeded to develop plans for extensive relief to civilian populations as well as to the military in the several Allied countries, the Foundation withdrew its own Commission and merged its war relief funds and personnel with those of the reorganized Red Cross. Negotiations were also opened with this organization with a view to its assuming responsibility for the care of the five hundred Belgian children whom the Foundation had been maintaining in Switzerland since 1915. This policy of consolidation has been followed because in the opinion of the Trustees it is unwise to multiply independent and often overlapping agencies of war relief. The times call for unified, well organized effort in this field.

To the War Council of the American Red Cross the Foundation contributed to the first War Fund in 1917, \$5,000,000, and to the Second Drive in 1918, \$3,000,000. In addition to these contributions to the war work of the Red Cross the chief war time undertakings to which the Foundation has contributed since the spring of 1917 are: (1) the support of a War Demonstration Hospital in New York City in which Army medical officers are being trained in some of the newer methods of war surgery; (2) research, serum production and training of medical officers at the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research; (3) an experiment in a mobile hospital unit involving the principle of clinical instruction to medical students in the field; (4) anti-tuberculosis campaign in France referred to above; (5) study and work in the field of mental diseases brought on by war conditions; (6) work for the protection of the Army camps and the improvement of the leisure time of the American soldiers.

To this last activity—that of protecting the camps and improving the leisure time of the American and Allied soldiers—the Foundation has given particular attention and devoted a large amount of its resources.

The Government has from the outset insisted that the National Army training camps are not to be thought of as necessary evils to be mitigated, but as positive educational institutions of immense potential value. Whereas in the past the worst elements of com-

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munities have been mobilized to exploit and to debauch the soldier and sailor, today the best forces are combining to protect and benefit them.

The co-operation of official commissions and national and local societies to provide both within and without the camps, comfort, recreation, social entertainment, educational opportunity, moral safeguards, and idealistic influences for the American forces, offers a striking example of genuine team-work. To nearly all of the units that make up this vast co-operation, the Rockefeller Foundation has given sums which aggregate four and a half millions, about seven percent of the total budget for the entire undertaking. The following table enumerates the different organizations, together with the war budget of each and the amount appropriated to it by the Foundation.

CAMP AND COMMUNITY WELFARE

Budgets of the several organizations for the period in general from July 1, 1917, to June 1, 1918, and amounts contributed to these budgets by the Foundation.

Organization	Total Budget	Contributed by R. F.
Y. M. C. A.....	\$50,000,000	\$3,500,000
Y. W. C. A.....	5,000,000	650,000
Jewish Camp Welfare	1,000,000*	100,000
Knights of Columbus.....	2,000,000†	100,000
Camp Community Fund (Recreation Association)	4,000,000	220,000
Training Camps Commission.....	150,000‡	75,000
Special work with Commission of American Social Hygiene Associa- tion, etc.	153,000**	125,000
	\$62,303,000	\$4,770,000

*Part of a much larger general war fund raised by the Jewish Committee. The Foundation's gift was specifically to the camp work feature of that fund.

†This figure includes only subscriptions in 1917. The Knights of Columbus war work budget to the end of 1918 totals \$7,500,000. To this enlarged budget the Foundation has in 1918 made an additional contribution.

‡Not including \$750,000 appropriated by Congress.

**This does not include services of men in many cases contributed to this work by societies with which they are connected.

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The war work which the Foundation is at present carrying on directly in medicine and surgery and in public health (Tuberculosis Control in France), referred to above, may be briefly outlined:

In the field of war surgery and medicine the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research has rendered service with the aid of Foundation funds. During the summer of 1917 a portable military base hospital with a capacity of seventy beds was erected on the grounds of the Institute in New York City. This hospital is completely equipped with operating-room, laboratories, kitchen and laundry. It is built in sections and can be taken down and moved on motor trucks to any site. It embodies the features which French and British experience has proven to be essential in a base hospital. In this group of buildings the Carrel-Dakin method of sterilizing wounds by periodic irrigation with a germ-destroying fluid is being demonstrated. This procedure was elaborated by Dr. Carrel and his staff in a special hospital at Compiègne in France, the expenses of which were met by the Foundation. The hospital received its first patient on July 29, 1917. Since that time it has been in constant operation. It has drawn its patients chiefly from civilians who have suffered street or industrial accidents, but it has also received a number from the Army and Navy.

To the War Hospital, to the Institute Laboratories and to the Institute Hospital, medical officers of the Army and Navy are being officially sent for study and experience. These men fall into three groups: one which devotes itself to war surgery, a second which studies bacteriology in the laboratories, and a third which is instructed in the diagnosis and treatment of pneumonia in the hospital of the Institute. Stress is laid upon the Carrel-Dakin method and upon the treatment of pneumonia, meningitis, and gas gangrene with respect to which members of the Institute have made important discoveries.

The preparation of serums by the Institute and the distribution of these to the Government hospitals have constituted another Foundation-supported contribution to the war. The chief serums which have been supplied to the American Army and in smaller quantities to other Allied Armies have been those to combat meningitis, pneumonia and dysentery.

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In the tuberculosis work in France, steps have been taken slowly, in constant conference with French authorities, medical men and public spirited citizens and in closest working agreement with the American Red Cross. In this work the Foundation is: (1) maintaining dispensary systems as demonstrations of modern public health work in the Nineteenth Arrondissement in Paris, as typical of congested urban conditions, and in the Department of Eure et loir as typical of rural conditions; (2) giving assistance to French organizations which undertake definite campaigns against this disease; (3) conducting a wide educational campaign by traveling exhibits, stereoptican slides, motion picture films, illustrated postcards, pamphlets, material for use in the schools, posters and newspaper articles; (4) maintaining nurses' training courses, attended by students many of whom are receiving scholarships also furnished by the Commission.

The policy of the Rockefeller Foundation in all of its war work has been to co-operate wherever possible with existing organizations that are attempting comprehensive work, to avoid duplication of activity and to carry on work through its own agencies only where no existing organization was able to cover the field or where the experience and personnel of the Foundation would seem to make it of particular service, as in the case of public health work undertaken in France.

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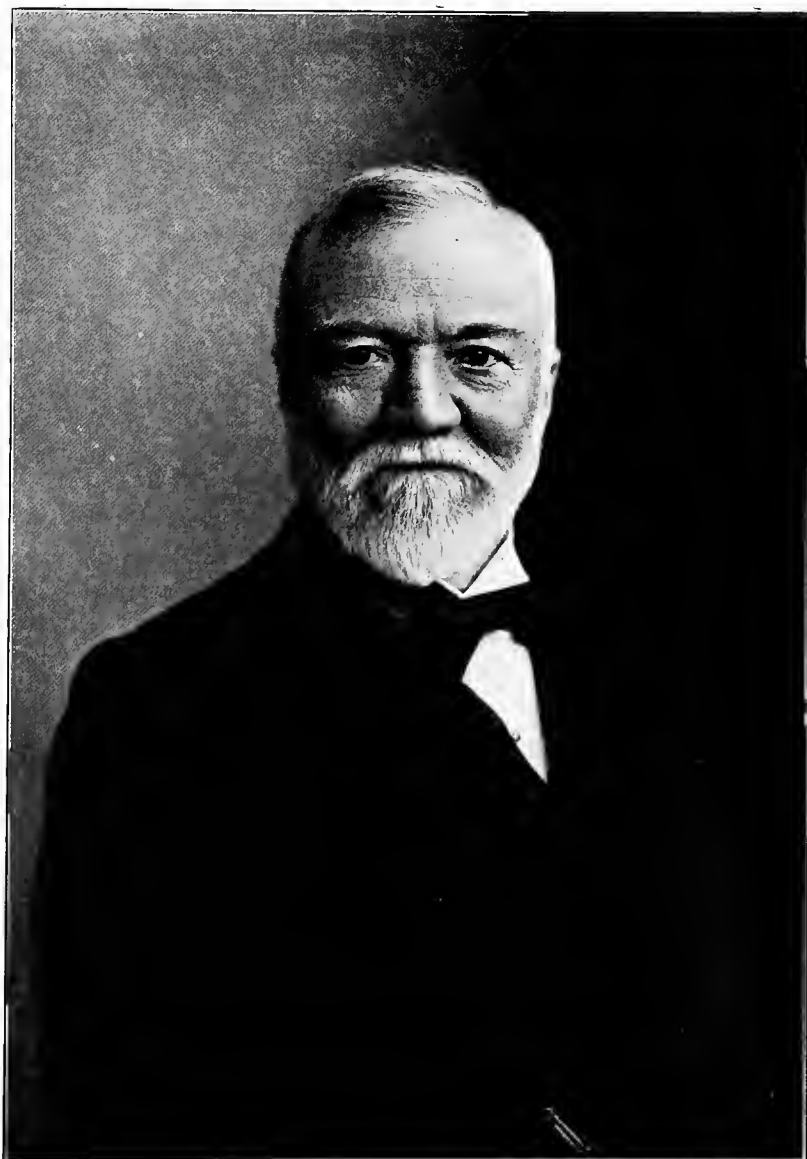
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Before February, 1915, Mrs. Duryea had distributed more than 40,000 articles in the northwest of France. From February 1, 1915, proportionately the same amount was distributed direct through the Clearing House, the Secours National, the Oeuvre des Belges, the Comite des Refugees du Nord, the Queen of the Belgians, and also to the Dardenelles, Serbia, Poland and France.

The working routine of the Paris Depot is as follows: During the morning cases from America are unpacked, their contents listed, sorted, and made ready for distribution direct to the refugees, who come to the Depot between two and five in the afternoon. The authenticity of these refugees is guaranteed by the most reliable organizations in Paris, to whom we issue monthly cards, each of which represents a family of not more than five persons. On each card is exacted the name, address, sex and age of each person and the name of the Committee guaranteeing the need of the bearer.

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IN June, 1917, the National Allied Relief Committee issued a statement covering its activities since its organization in July, 1915. At that time the amount collected by the Committee for foreign relief had just passed the million dollar mark, and it was estimated that the National Allied Relief Committee and the Committees working in close co-operation with it had together been instrumental in raising some \$10,000,000 for Allied relief. Since that time the sum raised by these Committees has been largely increased. The activities of these Committees in addition to raising this large amount of money undoubtedly helped to stimulate public opinion in the United States in favor of the Allies by bringing home to the American people the merciless and brutal methods of warfare employed by the Central Powers. The Committees were not handicapped by any efforts to maintain neutrality in arousing sympathy and collecting money for the sufferers of the Allied nations, and the men and women who freely gave their time and money to the organization and work of these Committees may well feel proud of the results achieved.

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After the United States entered the war in April, 1917, and particularly after the President appointed a War Council for the American National Red Cross to adapt that organization to the tremendously increased opportunities for service, it became evident that there was no longer need for many of the Committees that had been organized to raise money for the relief of the Allies. The great success of the First Red Cross Drive for \$100,000,000 in June, 1917, made it clear that the American people were awake to the needs for money in large amounts in order to alleviate distress and suffering.

The members of the National Allied Relief Committee realized the changed situation, and took steps to adapt its work to the new conditions. During the summer of 1917 an appeal on behalf of the sufferers in that part of France which had then been recently evacuated by the Germans brought in about \$100,000, thereby showing that many contributors were still glad to have an opportunity to give money for specific uses, but it was evident that the time had come to eliminate a great many of the money-raising Committees in order to prevent confusion in the minds of the public, and in order to concentrate all efforts upon the larger needs.

After the conclusion of "Hero Land," the bazaar which achieved so great a success in the early winter of 1917, and in which nearly all of the recognized Committees took part, the National Allied Relief Committee completed arrangements to amalgamate with itself a number of the Committees that had been working in co-operation. In January, 1918, the National Allied Relief Committee was incorporated under the laws of the State of

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New York relating to charitable associations, and took over the activities of the following Committees which had previously been appealing for funds for themselves:

Committee of Mercy.

League of the Allies.

Wynne-Bevan Ambulance (formerly American Italian War Relief Committee).

Le Bien Etre du Blesse.

Relief of Belgian Prisoners in Germany.

Charities of the Queen of the Belgians.

Special sub-committees of the National Allied Relief Committee were appointed to look after the particular interests of Le Bien Etre du Blesse, the Relief of Belgian Prisoners in Germany and the Charities of the Queen of the Belgians, and a special committee was also appointed to take charge of appeals for the Millicent Sutherland Ambulance, which had been receiving some money from America through private subscriptions, and also from the funds of the Allied Bazaars in New York, Boston and Chicago and other entertainments.

The Committee of Mercy and the League of the Allies had been raising money for general relief purposes along lines similar to those of the National Allied Relief Committee, while the other Committees had been appealing for funds to be sent direct to well-organized Committees in Europe. In taking over the work of these Committees, it was understood that the National Allied Relief Committee would send out appeals from time to time in support of the European Committees formerly represented by them.

At the time the National Allied Relief Committee, Incorporated, succeeded to the activities of the National Allied Relief Committee and the other Committees named above, the amounts raised by the following Committees since their organization, eliminating inter-committee grants, had been as follows:

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ORGANIZED.	NAME OF COMMITTEE.	TOTAL RECEIPTS.
July, 1915—	National Allied Relief Committee	\$1,155,835.61
September, 1914—	Committee of Mercy	2,192,107.50
January, 1917—	League of the Allies.....	177,009.03
August, 1917—	Wynne-Bevan Ambulance (Amer- ican-Italian War Relief Committee)	479.50
November, 1916—	Le Bien Etre du Blesse.....	73,480.01
February, 1916—	Relief for Belgian Prisoners in Germany	79,854.92
February, 1916—	Charities of the Queen of the Bel- gians	24,075.37
Total.....		<hr/> \$3,702,841.94


The total cost of raising this money including all expense for circularization and for administration was about eleven cents on the dollar.

Since its incorporation, the National Allied Relief Committee has made appeals for funds chiefly in behalf of the European Committee represented on its Board of Directors whose purpose lay somewhat outside of the scope of Red Cross activities.

In addition to these appeals, circulars have been sent out on behalf of the Chelsea War Refugees Fund organized to aid Belgian Refugees in England; the London Motor Transport Volunteer Service, the Imperial Association for Assisting Disabled Naval and Military Officers, the Allied Home for Women Munition Workers, and the American Women's War Relief Fund.

In the reorganization of the Committee its officers have been in close touch with the Committee on Co-operation between the Red Cross and other societies, of which Mr. C. A. Coffin, of New York, is Chairman, and we are confident that their endeavor to simplify existing conditions among outside relief organizations met with the entire approval of that Committee, and they will endeavor to make the future activities of the Committee acceptable to them and not open to criticism by the Red Cross.

NATIONAL SECURITY LEAGUE

HE National Security League was organized and incorporated in New York, December 1, 1914, in response to a call issued by S. Stanwood Menken, Herbert Barry, George Haven Putnam, Lawrence F. Abbott, J. Mayhew Wainwright, Charles E. Lydecker and Franklin Q. Brown.

Immediately after this organization, a campaign was conducted to bring to the American people a realization of our lack of national defense and it was largely through the efforts of the League that Congress enacted measures strengthening the Army and Navy.

As soon as the United States declared war against Germany the League undertook to bring to the American people better understanding of the issues involved in the war and the direct personal interest of each individual in its vigorous and successful prosecution.

A campaign of patriotic education was inaugurated and is being conducted upon a broad scale. State-wide speaking campaigns have been held in New York, New Jersey, Vermont, Kentucky and many other states while plans are now in progress in twenty-four states. Nearly one thousand eminent men have volunteered their services as speakers. Co-operation has been secured from over one hundred colleges and universities and many State Councils of Defense, while Federal and State officials are giving their support to the movement.

Enormous quantities of literature clearly explaining why the United States is in the war are being distributed throughout the

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country. The League is also giving practical assistance to the Food Administration Bureau and the Liberty Loan Committee and has also been instrumental in forming Home Defense Leagues in many important cities.

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My thanks are further due to Messrs. Doubleday Page & Co., for their courtesy in permitting the reproduction in these pages of important matter on which these gentlemen hold the copyright; to H. Keen Hargreaves, Esq., who was first to suggest the work, and who is responsible for the collection of data necessary for it; also to Dr. Vernon Kellogg, who has furnished me with facts concerning the Belgian Relief work, and, to Miss Ada Sterling, formerly associate editor with Messrs. Harper Bros., for valued research into the origin of today's expression of great voluntary aid which appears in the Foreword of this volume. I furthermore am indebted to the honorable gentlemen whose photographs appear herein, for the courtesy of permitting me to reproduce them.

The book goes out with a regret that it cannot include the names of an even greater number of the hosts who have come to humanity's aid during the most stressful period of the world's history, and with the hope that it may prove an enduring record of human kindness.

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